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OUTLINES.

The Ishmian Canal Commission will open bids at Washington, January 12th, for completion of the Panama Canal; only American contractors' proposals to be considered; if bids are unsatisfactory foreign contractors may be given a chance.——The House yesterday passed 350 pension bills——A dispatch from Galesburg, North Dakota, says there is a coal famine and that the Northwest will be freezing in two weeks.——During the National Base Balls League's 1906 games Stone and Clark made an average of 258 hits each, and Jones was the martyr, having made 48 sacrifice hits.——Attorney General Moody has notified the United States Marshal at Valdosta, Ga., that Greene and Gaynor will be removed from prison there unless special privileges which they are allowed are discontinued.——Fifteen members of the National Editorial Association got little comfort yesterday from the Interstate Commerce Commission which was asked to rescind its ruling that newspapers can not exchange advertising space for transportation.——The Pope is rejoicing that the church conflict in France is less threatening.——An explosion of dynamite in Western North Carolina yesterday killed six men.——Eleven freight trains are tied up in North Dakota by a terrific snow storm.——The new battleship Connecticut, built at the New York navy yards, and guaranteed to lick any single ship in the world, sailed yesterday for Newport News, fully equipped for service.——The attorney for Harry Thaw has applied to the New York Supreme Court for an order to show cause why Thaw should be discharged or be granted a trial.——At Greenwich, Conn., yesterday Joseph Neil, former prize fighter, died in ten minutes after taking a room at the hotel with his wife, they both had black eyes and there is a mystery involved.——Steps have been taken in New York to collect the tax on $10,000 of property belonging to the late Samuel Spencer, before it is removed from the State.——New York Markets: Money on call nominal, no loans, time loans dull and strong; spot cotton 10 points advance, cosing steady at 10.55; flour dull but steady; wheat easy, No. 2 red 78 1-8 elevator; corn steady, No. 2 53 elevator; oats steady, mixed 39 to 39 1-2; turpentine steady 69 1-2 to 70; rosin steady, strained common to good 4.25.

The Standard Oil Company seems to have a monopoly on both oil and turmoil.

The fable concerning the finish of the Bellamy Stoners, teaches that sometimes when we have a pull we can pull it too hard.

Calculate the consequences. Anyhow, always calculate the consequences when you think of doing anything foolish or rash or desperate. As the late Senator Brown, of Georgia, advised, "Have judgment."

Hall Caine is serverely attacking Shakespeare. He hopes to raise "Caine" with Shakespeare's reputation. Some people are content with gaining notoriety at the expense of other people's fame.

In his recent report of the Republican prosperity of the Treasury, Secretary Shaw drew such a picture of Uncle Sam's wealth that his Congressmen wanted a raise. Congressmen shouldn't take Secretary Shaw so seriously.

Secretary Root makes a noise like a man who would up-Root the Constitution. Root is the propagandist of President Roosevelt's administration. Probably he is creating public sentiment so it won't be shocked at what Roosevelt will do to California if he gets half a chance.

President Roosevelt is to send Congress a special message correcting his attitude with reference to the ship subsidy, which he will now urge Congress to fasten on the American people forever. If the Californians wait long enough the President may hedge in his position on the Japanese school question.

Some people are said to be booming George B. Cortelyou for President. You have heard of Cortelyou before. He is the man who got so much corporation money to elect Roosevelt that it precipitated a scandal and resulted in Roosevelt's recommending to Congress the passage of an act to prohibit such corruption in the future.

THE STATE MILITARY

Conference of Governor and Officers Was Concluded in Raleigh Yesterday.

SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Governor Respites Sentence of Pitt County Murderer—Educators to Ask Changes in State School Law—State Capital Notes

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Gov. Glenn and the special military board which has been in session here for several days for the purpose of recommending to the Legislature certain changes that are desired in the laws governing the North Carolina National Guard, have completed their labors. They will ask that all captains of companies in the State be given $100 per year for taking care of the equipment and other property of the Guard. They will also ask for the establishment of a signal corps to be composed of detachments from the different towns and cities in order to secure a sufficient number of telegraphers and electricians. They also recommend that the salary of the Adjutant General be increased and that he be required to have his headquarters in Raleigh during his term of office. For the encouragement of rifle practice among the Guard, three prizes of $300, $200 and $100 will be offered to the companies making the best showing on the rifle range. Then there will be individual prizes of $100, $50 and $25 for the best records by company members.

Gov. Glenn reprieves Sylvester Barrett, sentenced to be hanged in Pitt county Tuesday for the murder of Constable Lovett. The reprieve is until January 15th. Barrett killed the officer while resisting arrest in Pitt some months ago.

Last night and this forenoon there was a joint session of the legislative committee of the Northern Carolina Teachers' Association and the North Carolina Association of Superintendents of Public Schools with State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner to consider recommendations that Superintendent Joyner will make to the Governor and the General Assembly soon to convene. Nothing was given out as to what these recommendations will be. They include amendments to the present school law. All the members of the two committees were present at the conference except two.

Notice has been received by the State Commissioner of Insurance to the effect that the Ancient Order of United Workmen which has a large number of lodges in this State, will withdraw from the State after January 1.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Barbers—Notice.
A. Shrier—Special Sale.
Frank C. Clark—Cruises.
T. Q. Hall—Assignee's Sale.
C. P. Bolles & Co.—Investors.
W. J. Penny & Co.—Big Sale.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Don't Worry.
Mercer & Evans Co.—Shoes Fitted.
C. W. Polvogt & Co.—Until Christmas.
People's Savings Bank—Holiday Hints.
Southern Distilling Co.—Special Sales.
Wilmington Furniture Co.—Next Week.
The A. David Co.—The Correct Dresser.
Wilmington Cigar — Man Who Smokes.
Wilmington Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Meeting.

Business Locals.

Wanted—A Collector.
C. Smith—Bull Terrier Lost.
Fer Rent—Furnished Rooms.
Dr. J. H. Dreher—Setter Lost.
Cape Fear Camp—Attention Veterans.
Bell Telephone Company—Collector Wanted.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.—Fruits For Holidays.
Springer Coal Company—Christmas Oak Wood.
C. F. Bliss—Cashier and Bookkeeper Wanted.
Mrs. Knapp—Hand Painted China For Christmas.

Gaylord's premium department is up to the minute. 100 new premiums received this week to be given away free. **

Open evenings.—The Little Store.**

AN INSOLENT NEGRO

Obstereperous Foreigner in British Vice Consul's Office Given Thirty Days on Road—Another Case Alleged Highway Robbery

Outrageous conduct on the part of an alien in the offices of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son and the British Vice Consul of the port was substantially reprimanded by the Mayor in the police court yesterday by a sentence of 30 days on the roads. The Mayor expressed regret that the law didn't admit of an even greater punishment. William Jacobs, a West India negro, appeared at the offices of Messrs. Sprunt & Son Friday noon and asked to see the British Vice Consul. He was given an audience with Mr. James Sprunt, the consul, and claimed to be from Australia, a veteran of the Boer War. He also said that he was a sailor and had been shipwrecked off the Brazilian coast. Mr. Sprunt asked the man for some papers as to his identity but the man could produce none and Mr. Sprunt was, of course, obliged to decline to take up his case, but did give him a little money more as a riddance of the fellow than an impression that he was worthy. The negro went off grumbling but came back while all the office force was at supper except Mr. George T. Johnson about 7 o'clock. He pressed his way behind the railing in the office and being told to go out, that the consul was not in, the stranger became very abusive to Mr. Johnson, cursed him violently and drew back to his hip pocket as if he would shoot. Mr. Johnson was alone at the time, but he grappled with the fellow and succeeded in ejecting him. The negro had the cheek to turn up again at the office yesterday morning when he was promptly arrested. In the police court yesterday he was very obstinate and revengeful, all of which got him the sentence on the roads.

Another case of more than passing interest before the Mayor yesterday was that of a young white man who gave his name as Walter Phillips. Friday at Sixth and Brunswick streets as Mr. M. H. Schulken was on his way to dinner Phillips in a drunken and insolent manner took hold of Mr. Schulken and told him to give him some money. In order to get rid of the fellow, Mr. Schulken gave him 5 cents and passed on. As he was returning to his store, however, the same man accosted him again and demanded more money, threatening Mr. Schulken unless the request was complied with forthwith. The Mayor held that it was a case of highway robbery and Phillips was bound over to the higher court under a bond of $100.

The other cases before the Mayor yesterday were not of interest, the defendants for the most part being let off with the costs and small fines.

NEW HOTEL PROJECT.

Meeting of All Persons Interested to Be Held Tuesday Night.

The movement in the city for a modern tourist hotel is expected to receive quite an impetus this week at the mass meeting which is to be held Tuesday night at the Court House. The committee feels very much encouraged at the outlook and hope that there will be a gathering of every person that is interested in order that the plan may be fully explained and that those present may either give their financial or their moral support to the movement.

Attendance upon the meeting will not entail a financial obligation upon anyone and it is hoped that an obligation to subscribe will not keep anyone away. The meeting will be informal in its nature and there will be a full and free discussion of all matters in connection with the enterprise.

PRICES OF SHAVES GO UP.

Barbers of the City Enter an Agreement as to Rates.

In response to the continued advance in prices of all materials and the cost of living the barbers of the city have entered into an agreement by which after January 1 all the leading shops in the city will charge 15 cents for a shave instead of ten and two for a quarter as have been the prices before and hair cutting will be made uniformly 25 cents at all places. The barbers seem justified in this action and when the announcement was made to customers in the various shops yesterday there seemed to be no disposition on the part of anyone to raise objection. The barbers work long hours and are always on the qui vive to give satisfaction so the customers generally seem to be willing to meet them half way.

Open evenings.—The Little Store.**

A VETERAN FIREMAN

Captain Benjamin R. Russell Passed Away Yesterday After A Lingering Illness.

LONG AND USEFUL CAREER

Served in Confederate Army and Navy Native of Fayetteville and Nearly Seventy Years of Age—Funeral This Afternoon.

Captain Benjamin R. Russell, the oldest active fireman in the State and possibly in the United States, a veteran of the Civil War and a citizen generally esteemed by all the people of the city, passed away at his home in Magnolia avenue in this city early yesterday morning after a lingering illness with a complication of stomach diseases. While the death of Capt. Russell was not entirely unexpected and members of the family had already been summoned to the bedside the news of the death was a great shock to the family and friends. Capt. Russell was within three days of his seventieth year and had been in poor health for some time, having been confined to his home for the past several weeks. For thirty-one years he had been a member of the volunteer and paid fire departments of the city and his death removes one of the landmarks of the service. Days and nights in the heat of Summer and the cold of Winter, Capt. Russell had responded to the call of duty at the tap of the alarm and no one can gainsay the fact that he was ever ready and faithful unto the end.

Capt. Russell was born in Fayetteville, N. C., and at the outbreak of the war he went bravely to the front with the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry and fought bravely for the Lost Cause under that command and later in the Confederate States Navy. He was faithful to every trust and in the several capacities in which he served, he was of great service to his country. At the close of the war he became a marine engineer and was most skilled in that position, serving for a number of years on the "Old North State," steamer of the Fayetteville and Wilmington line. Coming to Wilmington to live, true to the instincts of the soldier, sailor and fireman, he joined the old volunteer department as assistant to Captain E. W. Manning, engineer of "The Little Giant" steam fire engine, a model machine of its kind in its day. Later "The Little Giant" gave way to "The Atlantic" and Capt. Russell served with that as assistant to Capt. Edgar G. Parmele. When the paid department supplanted the volunteers, Capt. Russell remained with Engine Company No. 1 until a few months before his death when he was called to be master of the fire boat Atlantic.

Capt. Russell was married just after the war, a devoted wife, one daughter, Mrs. D. M. Holland, of Columbia, S. C., and two sons, Messrs. B. McD. Russell, of Lynchburg, Va., and J. H. Russell, of this city, survive him. They have the sympathy of many frineds in their sorrow. There are also surviving a helf sister, Mrs. Emma Clark, of Mansfield, N. C., and a half-brother, Mr. H. C. Russell, of Jonesboro, N. C. Nearly all members of the family were either with Capt. Russell when he died or arrived on the trains yesterday.

Captain Russell was a member of the First Baptist church, of Cape Fear Camp of Veterans and of Wilmington Lodge No. 319 A. F. & A.M.

Out of respect to Capt. Russell the engine house at which he was so long stationed was draped in mourning yesterday and the flags on all the stations and on the fire boat were put at half mast. The funeral services will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery. Cape Fear Camp of Veterans are called to assemble at the Armory in uniform this afternoon for the purpose of attending the obsequies in a body. Members of Engine Company No. 1 and an honorary escort from the other stations of the Department will also attend the services in a body and a part of the apparatus of No. 1, appropriately draped, will be in the funeral procession of the veteran fireman. The pall bearers will be from among the city and Fire department as follows:

Honorary—Alderman Martin Rathjen, chairman of the Fire Committee of the city; Fire Chief Chas. Schnibben and Mr. Jas. W. Monroe.

Active—Mayor Alfred M. Waddell, Alderman R. W. Price, Captain W. P. Oldham, Captain Edgar G. Parmele, and Firemen P. N. Fick and John Mohr.

QUEEN OF CARNIVAL

Miss Lillian Knight Winner of Contest and Will Receive Diamond Ring—Mayoralty Race is Still On—Crowds Last Night.

The greatest crowds of the week thronged the carnival grounds last night, the one feature of interest being the close of the contest for the most popular young lady to whom it was arranged to present a very handsome diamond ring. The contest reached its height between 8 to 9 o'clock when there was an hour of open voting among the friends of the several young ladies brought into the contest. At the close of the hour the contest was declared closed and the committee retired to count the vote which required some time, more than $135 having been taken in at a penny a vote on the grounds. Announcement was made shortly after 10 o'clock that Miss Lillian Knight had won the coveted prize, her vote having been 11,975, a majority of nearly 4,000 over her next competitor. Miss Pridgen, who received 8,180. The vote for Miss Galloway was 5,632 and for Miss Burkheimer 1,472. The handsome ring was presented on the grounds to the happy winner by Mr. Wright of the carnival company and the fortunate young lady was warmly applauded.

As previously announced the contest for Mayor will be continued all this week and the result will be announced the coming Saturday night on the carnival grounds on Fourth street. The commitee last night declared the vote as follows: Waddell 1,599; Moore 1,503; Springer 1,428. Interest in the race is expected to liven up as the week progresses.

Already the shows of the Barkoot Company are being moved across the city to the new location on Fourth street near Castle where the opening will take place Monday afternoon.

PERUCHI-GYPZENE COMPANY.

Yachting Party Comes For Week's Engagement at Academy.

The yacht Lagonda with members of the Peruchi-Gypzene Company on board, is expected to reach the city by Monday noon and the same night to begin an engagement of a week at the Academy of Music. The company comes from Newbern, N. C., where great satisfaction was given to theatregoers last week. The way the company travels is new and novel since the days of the fast steam railroading and is perhaps the first instance of a theatrical company visiting this city in a yacht since the early career of Joseph Jefferson, who for several years came with his company in a sailing vessel to Wilmington, remaining for weeks at a time. The company is a good one and is pleasantly remembered from former seasons.

EXPOSITION CONTRACTOR HERE.

Mr. R. C. Strehlow Looking After Lumber Orders With Local Firm.

Mr. R. C. Strehlow, who is one of the largest contractors engaged in construction work on the grounds of the Jamestown Exposition at Norfolk., is in the city on business with Messrs. W. T. Sears & Co., who have the contract for furnishing between two and three million feet of yellow pine lumber for the giant buildings that are now going up there. Mr. Strehlow is a contractor of experience in Exposition building and says that the arrangements at Jamestown are fully up to those of the larger shows that have been given in the big cities heretofore.

Messrs. Sears & Company have several of their mills throughout this section as busy as busy can be in filling their contracts with the Exposition people and hundreds of car lodas of Eastern North Carolina lumber are now being hurried to Norfolk fo the mammoth work that is going on there.

Charged With "Short Measuring."

D. Belisany, a Greek retail merchant, was haled to Justice Borneman's court yesterday at the instance of County Standard Keeper G. T. Simmons, the defendant being charged with "short measuring" in his sales to customers. It was alleged that certain commodities were sold by the quart and the measure was not filled. The Athenian was fined $10 and costs under Section 3,067 of the Code Revisal.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the Beach every half hour from 1 to 5 P. M. **

Christmas Slippers in Felt, Leather and Chrochet at Peterson & Rulf's. **

Have you seen the beautiful dolls at Rehder's? **

NO QUORUM PRESENT

Board of Aldermen Meeting Last Night to Consider the Carnival Extension.

FOUR MEMBERS ONLY THERE

No Action Taken to Rescind Former Permit and Street Fair Will Continue This Week—Talk of An Injunction.

The meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night for the purpose of reconsidering the action of Thursday night in extending the Eagles' Carnival a week to be held in the southern part of the city did not materialize. Only four members of the Board were present and after a wait of some minutes in the council chamber, the Mayor declared "no quorum" and those present took their departure. This means that the privilege to hold the carnival a week longer on the vacant lot on Fourth near Castle street, holds good and that it will require nothing more nor less than an injunction to stop the shows. There was some talk of securing an injunction from Judge Jones, holding court in this district, at Kinston, but it is believed that those in opposition to the carnival will not go to that extremity.

The meeting last night was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock. The only members present at first were Aldemen O'Brien, W. H. Yopp and Price. Alderman King was in the hallway and came in later. The presence of these gentlemen did not mean that they were in favor of cancelling the permit previously given as Mr. O'Brien made free to say that he would stand by the action of the former meeting. The opposition to the carnival was represented by Louis Goodman and Woodus Kellum, Esqs. while there appeared for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, William J. Bellamy and Walter P. Gafford, Esqs. There were also present at the meeting a number of the members of the Carnival Committee of the Eagles and several men of the Barkoot Amusement Company. The Mayor said that there were only four members of the Board present, whereas five were required for a quorum. At the suggestion of Mr. Yopp a wait of some 10 minutes ensued and the attorneys for the opposition got busy with the telephone in an effort to get the one much needed member. The effort was, however, unsuccessful. Alderman O'Brien asked to give an excuse for Alderman Rathjen that he was busy in his store on Saturday nights and could not be present, but the Mayor said there was no meeting and therefore no excuses could be granted for anything else done for that matter. Alderman Yopp suggested that under the new law by which the aldermen receive a salary the absentees were liable to a fine of $5 each. The Mayor stated that that would be a matter for the next meeting.

Neither of the attorneys for the opposition would say last night whether they would seek an injunction or not, but it is not believed that such a step will be taken. The carnival will, therefore, begin Monday afternoon with renewed efforts to give everybody a good time on Fourth, near Castle street.

MUSIC AT THE SEASHORE.

Carnival Band Will Play Concert at Lumina This Afternoon.

The K. G. Barkoot Royal Italian Band, which has attracted so much attention for its splendid music discoursed in connection with the Eagles' Carnival here this week, has been engaged to give a concert this afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 at Lumina on Wrightsville Beach. The band will go down to the Beach on a special car at 2:30 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to hear the music. The cars are operated on a half-hour schedule from 1 to 5 P. M. and those who attend the concert will find the schedule quite convenient.

Burton Visit Deferred.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Chairamn Burton cannot come to this city now. In a letter to Maj. Hale, received this morning Chairman Burton expresses great regret that it is impossible for him to visit Fayetteville at this time."

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CRIME IN NORTH CAROLINA IN TWO YEARS.

Attorney General Gilmer, of North Carolina has completed his report of criminal statistics for this State, covering the past two years ended July 1, 1906. The statistics for each year are compiled separately, and are based upon returns sent in by clerks of courts in the various counties of the State. The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer furnishes this summary of the Attorney General's report:

"During the year ended July 1, 1905, there were 9,584 criminal actions disposed of, of which women were defendants in 726, of the defendants 4,427 being white, 4,616 colored and 15 Indians. The number of convictions was 6,456; acquittals 1,083.

"For the year ending July 1, 1906, the number of criminal actions disposed of was 10,117, the defendants in 573 cases being women, the number of whites being 4,940, negroes 4,599, and Indians 58, the number of convictions being 6,716 and acquittals 1,215.

"The following is the summary of the various offenses with which the defendants were charged, the first figures given showing the number of persons so charged for 1905, the last figures those for 1906:

"Assault and battery 302 and 340; abandonment 57 and 61; affray 852 and 890; arson 14 and 7; assault 369 and 346; assault with felonious intent 24 and 35; attempted to poison 5 and 1; assault with deadly weapon, 1,250 and 1,256; abduction 8 and 14; bigamy 14 and 13; burglary, first degree 5 and 6; second degree 35 and 11; burning, other than arson 15 and 22; carrying concealed weapons 1,101 and 1,049; conspiracy 6 and 12; cruelty to animals 59 and 75; disturbing meeting 115 and 179; escape 31 and 30; embezzlement 58 and 40; adultery 265 and 294; failure to list taxes 666 and 601; false pretense 105 and 82; forcible trespass 171 and 199; forgery 42 and 31; gambling 350 and 315; house breaking 61 and 62; house burning 2 and 1; incest 7 and 8; illegal registration 21 and none; larceny 1,023 and 1,004; larceny in receiving 235 and 276; libel 13 and 11; manslaughter 26 and 23; murder, first degree 38 and 54; second degree 59 and 51; malfeasance in office 6 to 1; perjury 31 and 42; practicing medicine without license 26 and 26; criminal assault 18 and 15; robbery 32 and 23; retailing whiskey without license 1,044 and 1,222; selling liquor to minors 17 and 5 and selling it on Sunday 11 and 7; slander 25 and 26; seduction 16 and 40; riot 13 and 1."

It will be noted from the above that the number of criminal actions during the fiscal year of 1906 was 10,117, compared with 9,584 during 1905. This shows a difference of 533 to the discredit of 1906, an increase of nearly 6 per cent in crime in 12 months

The record shows that in 1906 the number of people slain by others was 128 compared with 123 in 1905. In using these totals we have added the number of cases for murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree and manslaughter. The number of killings in self defense or for justifiable causes is probably taken account of in the Attorney General's report. While the increase in human lives sacrificed in passion, as between 1905 and 1906 is small, it must be admitted that it is appalling that in two years 251 persons in North Carolina filled graves as the result of violence at the hands of their fellow man.

As to other crimes in the list, our readers can make their own comparisons. It will be noticed, however, that the above list does not make any note of lynchings in North Carolina during the two years.

GEORGIA' NEW REFORMATORY.

The Chattanooga Times makes the following editorial reference:

"Georgia has opened its State reformatory in Baldwin county, near Milledgeville, and already a number of youthful offenders have been sent there for reformation. The only objection to the Georgia institution is that it is too close to the adult convic prison. The juveniles ought to be removed as far as possible from criminal environments."

It would be criminal to place a reformatory close enough to a penitentiary to make it suggestive to youthful evil doers that they are merely in a juvinile penitentiary. The idea should be as far removed from their minds as possible. They should know that their detention is more benevolent than it is punitive. The fact is, institutions to correct the lives of the young, who really, in many instances, have not arrived at the age of discretion when they become violators of the law, should not be called "reformatories." "Home for Boys and Girls" would sound better and carry less stigma upon its inmates through life. In several Northern States where the reform of youth has been advanced to a science, the word "reformatory" is avoided.

The next Legislature of North Carolina must give us an institution to help lift up the wayward boys and girls. It should not be n sight of any penitentiary. We even doubt whether children who are evil doers should be dragged up in a regular court to be tried like hardened criminals. They should be let down as easily as possible.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Chicago wants the South to suppress Senator Tillman. It's a little cheeky in Chicago to ask the South to do something she could not do herself.—Washington Times.

—A couple of hundred French Deputies left the chamber when Boni de Castellane came in. It would seem much simpler to put Boni out.—New York American.

—The president of the Omaha Coal Exchange has been convicted of violating the State trust law. His fine will probably equal the profit on a ton of coal.—Washington Post.

—A New York man is suing for divorce because his wife will keep no lemons in the house. He is bound to be regarded as mentally unbalanced by men whose wives hand them one on every possible occasion.—Washington Post.

—Congressman Nicholas Longworth who married the President's daughter, is the nephew of Mrs. Bellamy Storer. If Mr. Longworth can keep the peace in his immediate household while this business goes on, he ought to have a Nobel prize, too.—Norfolk Landmark.

—If it be true, as claimed, that there are 1,200 Mormons in South Carolina that fact simply shows that the method of opposition to propogation of that faith has not been effective. A religious belief, whether right or wrong, is peculiar in that it thrives upon persecution and denunciation.—Columbia Record.

—The Roosevelt-Storer incident, besides gratifying an itching public curiosity to get a glimpse behind the scenes, serves to show that governors, presidents and ambassadors are only of the common clay—and some of it very common, too, notwithstanding the official gilding.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

—This invention which enables a Congressman to sit in his committee room and hear what is being said on the floor of the house is all right, but what the average Congressman needs is some appliance that will enable him to stay in Washington and hear what the folks back home are saying about him.—Washington Times.

—The acquittal of a number of negroes charged with the murder of a deputy sheriff in Atlanta during the recent riot in that city, ought to satisfy the public that the colored man may get a fair deal when he is entitled to it, eevn in Georgia. The killing of an officer is generally productive of the most excited feeling and in this case was attended with circumstances peculiarly aggravating. After all the absolute reign of law and the triumph of justice constitute a very hopeful promise for the maintenance of at least a reasonably peaceable equilibrum between the races—Chatanooga Times.

TWINKLINGS.

—"I hope this time you've brought me matches that will light, my son." "Yes, mothem," said the little lad; "I've tried them every one."—Boston Transcript.

—Mother in Law—Did the young man who saved my life yesterday call on you to-day. Son in Law—Yes, he came to apologize.—Translated from Trans-Atlantic Tales from Fliegende Blaetter.

—"Did he succeed in elevating the moral tone of politics, as he started out to do?" "No, but he did very well. He got out without entirely sacrificing his own conscience."—Washington Star.

—Casey—(after Riley had fallen five stories)—Are ye dead, Pat? Riley—Oi am. Casey—Sure, yer such a liar Oi don't know whether to belave you or not. Riley—Shure, that proves Oi'm dead. Ye wouldn't dare call me a liar if Oi wur aloive!"—Illustrated Bits.

—Recently a bashful young man from a backwoods county in Virginia went into a local store carrying three chickens. She inquired the price of chickens, and at the same time put them on the counter. "Will they lay there?" asked the clerk, who did not know that the chickens legs were tied. She bit her handkerchief in embarrassment a moment and said: "No, sir, they are roosters."—Lippencott's.

"What's the matter dear?" said the doctor's wife, "Are you worried about Mr. Poorly's case?" "Yes," replied the doctor. "And is there no hope?" "Very little; he says he don't expect to leave enough to pay more than one-third of my bill."—Answers.

First Doctor—Is this operation absolutely necessary? Second Doctor—It is. The only possible chance we have of collecting our bill is from his life insurance.—Life.

The Caisson Fog.

In an air lock it is common practice to note that while unlocking—that is, coming through the lock, and as the pressure is being reduced by opening the discharge valve—a fog accumulates, becoming thick as the temperatures and pressure are lowered. The writer at one time was attacked by the bends, or the caisson disease, after coming out of the old Hudson river tunnel. He was promptly taken into the "hospital," which was nothing but a horizontal tank about the size of a common locomotive boiler. The pressure, amounting at that time to some thirty pounds, was admitted, and it acted instantly to relieve pain and to produce normal conditions. He was told to open the throttle valve and let the pressure out so that he might open the door. As he did this he noticed that the temperature was gradually lowered, and at a certain point, known as the dew point, he was enveloped in fog. The pain returned about this time, so that he shut off the discharge valve and opened the cock, admitting compressed air. The fog immdiately disappeared, the temperature was slightly increased and the pain stopped. This condition was repeated several times, so that here is a means by which artificial fog may be produced at will. The same physical laws apply in the production of fog as in the condensation of moisture on the exterior of an ice pitcher or on a window pane in winter time.—Compressed Air Magazine.

Sweet Simplicity.

In the old days there was a professor of psychology at Dartmouth who was so abstruse that it is doubtful if at times he fully understood himself. One day he was profounder than usual. He lectured for nearly an hour on topics away over in the back of the book. The class was dazed. It was far above their heads, and they did not understand even the edges of it. When he had finished, the old man took out his watch and said genially: "Now, there are ten minutes of the hour remaining. If any student desires to ask me a question, I shall be glad to answer it to the best of my ability." The class sat in a stupor. The professor waited for a time and then said: "Is there no one who has a question to ask? There are remaining several minutes that could be profitably employed." Finally one student put up a reluctant hand. "Ah," said the professor, "you have a question. What is it?" "What time is it?" stammered the student.—Saturday Evening Post.

Nose Jewelry.

I suppose that in five years' time anybody who doesn't wear spectacles will be liable to arrest and imprisonment with or without the option of a fine. I cannot believe that all people who wear spectacles suffer from defective vision. I think that the great bulk of the people who overdress their faces with pieces of gold mounted glass do so out of vanity. They consider that it improves their appearance and tends to make them look more intellectual. You will notice that no pretty woman or handsome man ever goes about with a gold nose improver. It would, indeed, be an extraordinary thing if our oculists were to tell us that beautiful people never had defective eyesight.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Natural Varnishes.

Fluid resins or oils from several different trees are extensively used in the Philippines as varnishes. One of them, called oil of supa, is a pale yellow liquid when fresh, but it becomes dark and viscous after contact with the air. Spread in a thin layer it dries slowly and forms a hard varnish. It is also capable of being burned in a lamp. Another natural varnish is balao, also called oil of apitong. It is white when fresh, but darkens after exposure and makes a very tough varnish. Oil of panao is a third variety, inferior to the others in its drying properties. Chemical analysis has shown that all these wood oils consist entirely of hydrocarbons known as sesquiterpenes.

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A Trick of Actors.

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"Now, most actors," says his tormentor gravely, "make this mistake the first time they play the part: Instead of saying, as it is, 'My lord, stand back and let the coffin pass,' they give it this way, 'My lord, stand back and let the parson cough.'"

And after he has heard the latter version, absurd though it is, the chances are that the poor supernumerary will give that to the audience on the first night.

Thomas Moore.

Measured by the popularity and market value of his poems when they were written, Thomas Moore has no rival among the poets of Ireland. While engaged at his Irish melodies, in which he was at his best—for they called forth the powers in which he most excelled—he was paid £500 a year by his publishers. Their immense and well merited success induced Longman to give Moore 3,000 guineas—the highest price that had up to that time been paid for a poem—for "Lalla Rookh," the gorgeous eastern romance which dazzled and delighted readers of that day, but is now rarely read. As a lyric poet Moore was, like Burns, one of the best writers we have ever had of "words for music," and, in his case at least, the words are inseparable from the music. Goldsmith, a poet of a different order and with a wholly different experience, got little popularity and less money for his poetry, but in "The Traveller" and "The Deserted Village" he has a better chance of immortality than his compatriot.—London Tit-Bits.

A Famous Old Building.

Evensong was held the other day on the site of the ancient oratory of St. Gwithian, one of the many Irish saints who descended upon Cornwall in the fifth and sixth centuries. In a waste of sand near the Godrevy lighthouse, which marks the eastern horn of St. Ives bay, lie what are regarded as the remains of the oldest Christian building in England. The nave bulges with sand to the level of the plain and through a grass covered hillock over the demolished altar protrude a few rough stones. During a stormy night of 1828 the sand shifted and revealed the lines of a structure about forty-eight feet long by twelve feet wide, with a priest's doorway, a small window, traces of stone benches and an altar of masonry now gone as the result of the building being forthwith used as a cowshed.—London Globe.

A Confusion of Names.

Although Scotia is now known to mean Scotland, it once was the name of Ireland. Two centuries before the birth of Christ Ireland was known to the Greeks as Juvenca. Caesar called it Hibernia, as did also Ptolemy in his map of that island. It is said the Phoenicians first gave Ireland the name of Hibernia, meaning thereby "utmost or last habitation," for beyond that land westward the Phoenicians never extended their voyages. Toward the decline of the Roman empire the country began to be called Scotia, a name retained by the monastic writers until the eleventh century, when the name Scotia, having passed to modern Scotland, the ancient name of Hibernia began to be again used.

To Cure Snoring.

"At a banquet," said an editor, "I once heard Jerome K. Jerome make a speech on snoring. I remember that it ended with these words: 'To cure snoring, it is advised that a piece of soap be dropped into the mouth of the snorer. The oil in the soap will lubricate the pharynx and other Latin parts of the throat. This remedy must be applied with caution; otherwise the snorer will arise and lubricate the floor with the person who dropped in the soap.'"

Worship a Deux.

When Dean Swift was called to the living of Loracor he inaugurated the custom of reading prayers on Wednesday and Friday. At the first Wednesday service he waited in vain for any one to appear except his clerk Roger. At length he began, "Dearly beloved Roger, the Scriptures moveth you and me in sundry places," and so proceeded to the end of the service.—Harper's Weekly.

Pepper.

Black and white pepper are from the same round seed of a tropical plant. The white is ground after the black outer skin has been removed. That is the only difference. The white is considered less irritating to the stomach. It is also preferred for dishes consisting of cream and milk, such as oyster stews, creamed potatoes and the like.

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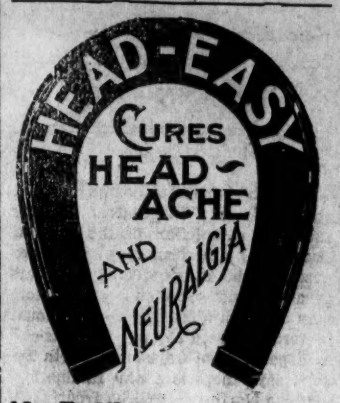

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HER FORTUNE

[Original.]

They were sitting by the library table, a lamp swinging from above. She was playing solitaire.

"Can you tell fortunes with cards?" he asked.

"No. Can you?"

"I have a method of my own at card fortune telling. Shall I try yours?"

"Yes; do."

She passed him the cards, and, after shuffling, he turned over a card at a time till he came to the queen of hearts.

"That's you," he said.

"Oh, how flattering!"

"The six of clubs, the ten of spades, the three of clubs, the four of spades, the king of diamonds." He paused.

"Well?" she asked.

"That means a rich man is your suitor."

"I don't know any such."

"You're not supposed to know just who loves you till you are told."

"You think so?"

"I said not supposed to know."

"Oh!"

"The king of clubs," he went on, "the queen of spades. The queen of spades indicates that a dark girl wishes for herself some one who loves you. Look out for her. The nine of hearts, the three of diamonds, the jack of clubs. The jack is that little black—I mean a dark gentleman whom you met"—

"Don't get personal."

"The jack, falling between the jack of hearts and the queen of spades and directly under the queen of hearts, indicates that you prefer him and that the dark lady loves the jack of hearts, a blond man, who prefers you."

"And who is the jack of hearts?"

He sighed. Then he went on dealing. The next important cards were the ten of clubs, that fell under the jack of clubs, and the ace of hearts, that fell under the jack of hearts. He paused and looked serious.

"What's the matter?" she asked.

"A great deal. The dark gentleman has ten chances to the blond gentleman's one."

"He hasn't. I mean I prefer blond men to brunettes."

Two hearts fell, one on each side of the king of diamonds. "It looks," he said, "as if, after all, you would marry the rich suitor." The king of hearts fell under the king of diamonds. "Your father favors him."

"Papa doesn't."

"Oh, here comes the queen of diamonds, also in the line under the king of diamonds. That's it; your mother favors the rich suitor."

"How silly!"

"These hearts falling all about the jack of clubs indicate that the dark gentleman is far ahead of the rich one, notwithstanding your mother's influence."

"What's the blond gentleman doing all this while?" she asked softly, her eyes bent on the cards. He cast a sharp glance at her and without reply went on dealing till the jack of hearts was surrounded by cards of his own suit.

"Late in the game the blond gentleman seems to be finding more favor with the queen of hearts, but these clubs falling between it and the queen of spades indicate a complication between the dark girl and the blond gentleman."

"What possible complication can there be?" she asked sharply.

"Well, having been discouraged by the queen of hearts—that is, you—he might have gone so far with the dark lady as not to be able to withdraw."

"She can't have much pride to hold him if he doesn't want to be held." She spoke with a great deal of asperity.

"You shouldn't have discouraged the blond gentleman."

"How did I know"— She paused. He gave her time to frame what she had to say, but she failed to do so.

"The blond gentleman certainly made his feelings plain."

She stared at the cards without reply.

"Let's go one. Something may turn up," he added.

If there was any method in his dealing it could not be discovered. She did not seem interested in the method, only in the result. He dealt a number of the club suit about the jack of clubs.

"This is strange," he said. "The black little—I mean the dark gentleman seems to have found favor with the dark lady. It may be that she will not stand between the queen and jack of hearts after all. Choose one of the cards on the table, and it will indicate how the affair is coming out."

Reaching forward, she touched the five of hearts. He took her hand in his and placed it on the six of hearts, saying: "The five and the six of hearts make eleven, or the jack. In other words, you will make the blond little man happy, won't you?"

He waited some time for a reply, when he heard a faint "Yes."

There were footsteps in the hall, and in came several young men and women.

"What are you two doing?"

He had withdrawn his hand at the first sound and was dealing the cards vigorously. "I am telling her fortune by a process of my own."

He went on dealing, the others looking on, trying to discover his rules of procedure. He married her to a dark and a rich gentleman, whereupon they reminded him that a girl can't marry two men unless one dies or is divorced after she has married him. That stopped the fortune telling, and in a few minutes the fortune telling couple disappeared.

ERNEST LEON MUNRO.

At the Other End

By CLAUDE PAMARES

Mr. Felix Bradbury sat in the smoking room of a hotel and smoked a cigar. Last week he was Mr. James Taylor; the week before that he was Mr. Hiram Brown. Mr. Felix Bradbury changed his name and his habitation as often as he thought the police had discovered him.

Sometimes they hustled him around pretty lively, and again they let him rest and take on flesh. This was one of his resting spells, and yet he was not quite happy. His funds were at a low ebb, his partner was in Sing Sing on a ten year sentence, and nothing in his line seemed to turn up.

Mr. Bradbury's specialty was cracking cribs. With him "crib" meant anything with a roof on it—dwelling, store, bank or warehouse. He was also a fair hand at the confidence game and had been known to rob half a dozen guests of a hotel the same evening. Taken all in all, he was a good all round man, and it wasn't his fault that luck was against him. Even if his money was low he was making a big bluff by dressing well and ordering the best the menu afforded. Mr. Bradbury was wondering how much the next detective who arrested him would demand for letting him go again when one of the bell boys suddenly appeared and said:

"You are wanted at the telephone, sir."

The gentleman of the jimmy gave a start of surprise and then proceeded to the instrument in the next room. Few knew of his presence in the city, and they would hardly chance calling him up over the wire. The problem was soon solved, however. In answer to his hello a girl's voice started off with:

"So I've got you at last, have I? I've been trying for half an hour. Are you coming home this evening?"

"I don't know," was the doubtful reply of Mr. Bradbury, who instantly

THERE ON THE TABLE LAY THE BIG BULGING ENVELOPE.

realized that a mistake had been made, but had a natural curiosity to hear more of it.

"But you must come. Papa is in a great stew. He meant to go down today and deposit some bonds in safe deposit, but has sprained his ankle and is laid up and swearing at a great rate. The safe has got out of kilter and can't be unlocked, and there are $30,000 worth of bonds lying around loose. You must come up for the night and take them down in the morning. It may be a week before papa can get out. You know mamma is in bed, and I can't leave her. And you will come?"

"Why, yes, I guess so. Where are you?"

"At home, of course."

"Well—er—you know"— stammered Mr. Bradbury, with his heart in his mouth as he thought of those bonds and realized that he didn't know where the other end of the wire was located.

"If you don't come papa will have a fit. Have you got a cold that your voice sounds so husky?"

"Yes, a bad cold, but I will get up there. It may be late, and you'd better leave the front door unlocked."

"You mean the side door."

"Yes; the side door. Leave it unlocked."

"Have you been losing your key again?"

"It's either lost or mislaid. You can leave the door unlocked and all go to bed. Sorry for the governor. He shouldn't try to be so spry. Goodby."

Somewhere within a few miles of Felix Bradbury was a house in which there were a sick mother, a father laid up with a sprain and a girl of eighteen or twenty the sole protector. In that house were $30,000 worth of bonds ready to be had for the taking, and it is needless to say that the man of many names felt his mouth water at the prospect. At the same time he cursed fate because he didn't know the location of the house and couldn't see how he was going to find out. Two minutes later Providence came to his assistance. Providence does assist the wicked as well as the good, at least on occasions.

Two young men sat down near him, and he heard one call the other Bradbury. So there were two Bradburys, and the bell boy had summoned the wrong one. A little later there was talk of the country, and within half an hour the crib cracker had his case at his fingers' ends. The girl had telephoned him from a few miles out of Boston. He could reach the country seat within a few hours by train.

Mr. Felix Bradbury bought a quarter cigar on the strength of his prospects and made for the depot. The girl's brother wouldn't be troubled to take those bonds to the safe deposit in the morning.

In the country house Miss Bessie Bradbury sat up until 11 o'clock. It was at that hour before her father ceased swearing at the stairs on which he had slipped, at the doctor who told him to lie quiet for a week and at the family burglar proof safe for getting out of order.

"Will probably will come on the midnight train," she mused as she saw that the side door was left free for him to enter, "and I am going to give him a scare about those bonds. If I lead him to think that the house has been robbed, maybe it will scare his hoarseness away."

There were old bonds in the safe and out of it. There were silver mine bonds worth 1 cent on the dollar for the pictures on them, and there were coal oil bonds worth 3 cents a pound as paper rags. The elder Mr. Bradbury had invested in his time. It was no trouble at all for Miss Bessie to hunt up thirty $1,000 bonds, worth altogether 30 cents, and put them in the envelope in place of those issued by Uncle Samuel. The latter she carried up to her room with her, and by and by the house grew quiet. It was then that Mr. Felix Bradbury approached to reap the ripening grain. He had the girl's word that the side door would be left unlocked. He found it so. He entered noiselessly, turned on his dark lantern and proceeded to business.

What more fitting place in a house for bonds than the library! Only now and then is a man mean enough to hide them in the oven of the cook stove before going to bed. On the way to the library Mr. Bradbury stopped to partake of a glass of wine and a cold lunch in the dining room. His appetite was good and his prospects all that could be desired. He expected to have to spend some time in search, but no sooner had he entered the library than there on the table lay the big bulging envelope.

At 7 o'clock next morning Miss Bradbury's papa was swearing again. He swore so hard and so continuously that it was ten minutes before she found out that the house had been robbed during the night. The bonds were gone! The burglar had entered by the side door, which she had been silly enough to leave unlocked. She had been promised a trip to Europe. Now she couldn't have it. She had been promised an auto. Now her father would see her riding in a wheelbarrow first. He was going on to check off other pains and penalties when she laid the good bonds under his nose and told of the joke she had put up on Will. While she was telling it the young man arrived.

It required considerable Sherlock Holmesing to clear up the mystery, and the problem had not yet been solved when the telephone rang and Miss Bessie was called by a servant. It was the same voice as on the previous evening, only there was an aggrieved tone to it.

"Well, what is it?"

"I found the side door unlocked."

"Yes?"

"I found the bonds on the library table."

"Yes?"

"I have tumbled to your little joke."

"Yes?"

"And if I commit murder while cracking my next crib you may know that you drove me to it. Goodby!"

Petroleum.

The first mention of petroleum in America was made by Father De la Roche d'Allien, a Franciscan, in 1629. It may be a surprise to many people to know that both the product itself and the names petrol and petroleum were familiar at least as far back as the middle of the fourteenth century. In the Sloane manuscript (fifteenth century) mention is made both of rock oil and of the correct derivation of the name, which is mediaeval Latin and of course has nothing to do with Peter: "Petroleum, oleum est factum de petra. G(allice), petroille." ("Petroleum is an oil made from rock—in French, petroille.") The property of drawing fire had struck the imagination long before the work quoted in "Nature" was published. In 1596 Lodge used it in a metaphor: "As the clay petrol draweth fire, so the looks do gather affection." The word petrol (or petreol) disappeared from English and did not return until the days of the motor car industry, when it was reintroduced from the French in the sense of refined petroleum.

Duels With Pistols.

Discussing pistols as dueling weapons, the Paris Figaro sought the views of a man who had the reputation of an expert on the field of honor. He at once began to rail at duels with pistols. He could not bear even to speak of them. The fact was that he had once himself at an encounter of that kind received a ball in the shoulder.

"Then you disapprove of them simply because you were defeated?"

"Why, I was not defeated."

"What!"

"No; I was a second. You may well believe that I promised myself never to mix again in affairs of that sort. However, one day I had to accompany a friend on the field. He had asked it of me as a personal favor. I could not refuse. But I insisted upon one condition."

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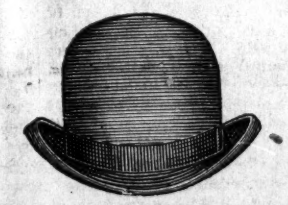

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Lv Wilmington	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wilso 6 50 p
Ar. Florence	9.35 am	7.40 pm	4.15 am
Ar. Columbia	12.40 pm	10.55 pm	
Ar. Charlest'n	1.20 pm	11.40 pm	7.05 am
Ar. Savannah	6.45 pm	2.50 am	9.30 am
Ar. Jack'ville	8.40 am		2.10 pm
Ar Tampa			

NORTHBOUND

	Daily	Daily
Lv. Tampa	9:00 p m	10.30 a m
Jacksonville	7:00 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah		
Lv. Charleston	5.30 p m	6.15 a m
Lv. Columbia	4.30 p m	6.45 a m
Ar. Florence	10.00 p m	9.25 a m

From Wilmington, N. C., to Georgetown, S C

Ar. Wilmington	12.05 a m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND FAYETTEVILLE

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv. Wilmington	9.10 a m	Ar. 8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12.20 p m	Ar [illegible]
Ar Sanford	[illegible]	[illegible]

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	N Bound Daily ex Sun	South Bound
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Ar Newbern	6 40 p m	Lv 9 10 p m

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1.30 p m	12.30 p m	12.15 p m
3.00 p m	2.25 p m	2.15 p m
5.00 p m	4.25 p m	4.15 p m
6.30 p m	5.55 p m	5.45 p m
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Lv Richmond	10:00 PM	Lv	6:45 AM
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Ar Hamlet	6:30 AM	Lv	10:20 AM
Lv Hamlet	7:35 AM	Ar	7:35 AM
Ar Wilmington	12.25 PM	Lv	2:50 PM

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Lv Wilmington	2:50 PM	Ar	12:25 PM
Ar Hamlet	7:35 PM	Lv	7:35 AM
Lv Hamlet	10:40 PM	Ar	6:30 AM
Lv Raleigh	1:50 AM	Ar	5:10 AM
Lv Raleigh	1:50 AM	Ar	5:10 AM
Ar Portsmouth	8:15 AM	Lv	8:30 PM

Between Wilmington, Atlanta and Birmingham.

Lv Wilmington	2:50 PM	Ar	12:25 PM
Ar Hamlet	7:35 PM	Lv	7:35 AM
Lv Hamlet	10:00 PM	Ar	6:50 AM
Ar Monroe	11:50 PM	Lv	5:15 AM
Lv Monroe	11:50 PM	Ar	5:10 AM
Ar Atlanta	7:45 AM	Lv	9:00 PM
Lv Atlanta	7:45 AM	Ar	7:45 PM
Ar Birmingham	1:10 PM	Lv	2:25 PM

Between Wilmington, Savannah, Jacksonville and Tampa.

Lv Wilmongton	2:50 PM		
Ar Hamlet	7:35 PM		
Lv Hamlet	10:05 PM		
Lv Columbia	12:30 AM		
Lv Savannah	4:50 AM		
Lv Jacksonville	10:00 AM		
Ar Tampa	6:35 PM		

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Lv Wilmington	2:50 PM	4:20 AM	
Lv Lumberton	5:35 PM	6:56 AM	
Lv Maxton	6:40 PM	7:46 AM	
Ar Hamlet	7:32 PM	8:45 AM	
Lv Hamlet	7:55 PM		
Lv Monroe	9:55 PM		
Ar Charlotte	10:00 PM		
Lv Charlotte	10:15 AM		
Ar Lincolnton	11:43 AM		
Lv Shelby	12:47 PM		
Ar Rutherfordton	2:00 PM		
Ar Wilmington	12:25 PM	12:35 AM	
Ar Lumberton	9:23 PM	9:50 PM	
Ar Maxton	8:30 AM	8:50 PM	
Lv Hamlet	7:35 AM	7:50 PM	
Ar Hamlet	7:15 AM		
Ar Monroe	9:55 PM		
Lv Charlotte	4:15 AM		
Ar Charlotte	7:05 PM		
Ar Lincolnton	5:38 PM		
Ar Shelby	4:40 PM		
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Happenings and Doings In Society.

By G. N. H.

Miss Jean Pemberton, of Fayetteville, will be the guest of Miss Jeannie Murchison during the holidays.

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Miss Louise Vollers, who is a popular pupil of Elizabeth College at Charlotte, will give peasure to her friends by a visit during Christmas week.

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Miss Marguerite Walker will be welcomed here to-morrow from a pleasant visit to friends in Henderson, N. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burruss Corprew are expected about the twenty-second inst., and their coming is looked forward to with much pleasure by their friends.

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Friends of Miss Mary Milton, the charming guest of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Harriss, will regret to learn that she is quite sick and will hope for her speedy restoration to health.

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Mrs. George W. Brunson, Jr., of Greenville, S. C., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smallbones, and has been heartily welcomed to her old home by nuumerous friends.

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Miss Florence Bostwick, who is always a welcomed visitor to Wilmington, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. Oscar Byerly. Miss Bostwick's friends will be pleased to know that she will spend the Winter in this city.

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Mrs. Edwin M. Wilson, nee Miss Alice Green, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hector E. McL. Green, on South Third street. Mrs. Wilson's many friends were charmed to welcome her to the home of her childhood days.

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Miss Betsy London, of Pittsboro, N. C., will be one of the charming visitors during the holidays and is expected to arrive on the 26th inst. She will be the guest of Miss Alice Davis and will be cordially welcomed by friends.

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Raleigh News and Observer: Mrs. Ed. S. Battle and children after a visit in Wilmington, arrived in the city yesterday to join Mr. Battle, who is now here. They will keep house at the residence of Hon. R. H. Battle, on Halifax street.

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The german which was to have been given complimentary to the Glee Club on Christmas night by L'Arioso German Club, will not be given as Mrs. Pembroke Jones requested that honor to be abdicated to Mr. Jones, so the regular dance will be given as stated elesewhere in this column.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Watters will formally introduce their daughter, Miss Nannie Watters, during Christmas week by a debutante's entertainment which is looked forward to with much pleasurable anticipation by many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Watters and Miss Watters.

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Friends of Mrs. Edmond L. Prince will regret to know that she is not expected home for some time, possibly not before the middle of January. Mrs. Prince is in Louisville, Ky., where she was recently called by the sudden death of her aged father, and the sympathy of many friends has been extended to her.

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The story of Paul and Virginia was charmingly told by Miss Essie E. Meares to the children at the Library during the hour given to them on Friday afternoon. It is the hope of the librarians to interest the school children in the library and Miss Meares has very generously consented to lend her assistance to accomplish this object.

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Christmas week will be a decidedly strenuous one for society and efforts are being made to prevent a clash of dates of the many entertainments on the tapis. Kneissel's orchestra is said to be engaged for every night of the week, which is a pretty sure indication that there will be other dances besides the December dances of the german clubs.

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The fifty-first anniversary of the wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. William A. French was celebrated Thursday night. Quite a number of friends called to pay their respects and offer congratulations and best wishes for continued health and happiness. Last year their golden wedding was celebrated by one of the largest receptions of the season.

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The friends of Miss Atha Hicks will be pleased to know that she will arrive next Friday, accompanied by her friend, Miss Lucile Hardy, of Mississippi. Miss Hicks and her guest will spend the holidays here, returning to New York after the New Year to resume their studies. Mr. Rufus W. Hicks, Jr., will also spend the holidays here coming on the same train with his sister and her guest.

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Miss Gertrude Sullivan, of Savannah Ga., is the guest of Miss Jane Iredell Green and has been most cordially welcomed by all of her girl friends formed at St. Mary's, in Raleigh. Miss Sullivan has been a pleasant visitor to Miss Rena Clark, in Tarboro. Her friends regret exceedingly that her visit here will be a short one buut hope to make it so agreeable as to induce her to repeat it.

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Mrs. William R. Gillespie, of Pittsburgh, Pa, who has been the guest of her son and daughter, Mr and. Mrs. Charles N. Evans, on Orange street, will leave for Pine Hurst, about the New Year, much to the regret of many pleasant acquaintances here. Mrs. Gillespie divides her time with her children who live in New York, Wilmington and Pine Hurst and each is very exacting in asking for the full number of days allotted to them.

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Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur entertained the Tuesday Evening Bridge Whist Club last week and Miss Alice Davis was hostess of the F. D. D. Card Club, of which she is a member, on Friday evening. Other clubs seem to have skipped their meetings because of Christmas preparations which are the all-absorbing theme. A prominent feature of some of the card club meetings is the dainty and sometimes elaborate refreshments offered for the enjoyment of guests.

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The appearance of Creston Clark in "The Ragged Messenger" was greeted by a very fashionable and cultured audience. The performance was not up to expectations nor was Creston Clarke at his best. The play is one which, on account of the trend of morals, should not be given before an audience of ladies and gentlemen and there were many who wished themselves almost anywhere else than in a public place of amusement where such a play as the "Ragged Messenger" was being enacted.

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Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise and Miss Sarah Kenan were hostesses of a very beautiful tea given in honor of Mrs. John Van Bokkelen Metts and Mrs. Thomas Blount Willard at the residence of Mrs. William Rand Kenan on Friday afternoon. The guests numbered about fifty, many of whom were elegantly gowned, making the tea one of the most handsome of the season. Roses and other pretty flowers were the simple decorations which added a charm to a well appointed home, known for its beautiful entertainments.

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"It was just like old Ray," said a friend of Mr. Ray Powers, who was so badly burned in the fire of the Chi Psi fraternity house at Cornell, when the doctor wished to dress his wounds to say, "there is a fellow in the next room who is worse off than I am; attend him first and then I will be fixed." Such unselfishness at a time when he was so terribly burned that the skin hung in strips from his elbows to his finger tips, shows the greatness of Ray Powers' character and there are many who will be pleased to know from a letter received here that he is now out of danger of death.

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Mrs. G. Herbert Smith is the guest of Col. and Mrs. John Wilder Atkinson and will spend the holiday season with them. Her visit will give much pleasure to many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Aubrey Parsley will not return from their bridal tour until after the New Year. They have sailed from New York on one of the handsome liners plying to South American ports. They will visit Jamaica, stopping at Kingston, sailing from there for Colon, Panama, and several of the most interesting ports in Central America. Their itinerary is a most inviting one and the wish of their friends is that they will derive a full measure of happiness.

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Friends have received invitations to the marriage of Mr. Wingate Underhill, principal of the Hemenway School in this city, the cards reading as follows:

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Says the Sumter Item of Thursday's issue: "Miss Adele Moses and Mr. Eugene Forshee, of Wilmington, N. C., were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moses, on Church street, at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Maj. Marion Moise. Mr. and Mrs. Forshee left for Boston on the northbound train Wednesday night." The bride is one of Sumter's most attractive young women, of the Hebrew faith, and many are her friends who regret her departure from among them. Being of a different religious faith from that of the groom, she was united in wedlock to Mr. Forshee by a civil marriage or contract, performed by her uncle, Major Moise, who is a justice of the peace of the State of South Carolina.

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Christmas Day will usher in a week of much pleasure and merriment and the week will be one of gaiety. The Glee Club will be entertained at supper by Mrs. James Sprunt Christmas afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones will give a dance at night at Airlie. Thursday evening L'Arioso Club will give their Christmas favor dance. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Watters will formally introduce their daughter with a beautiful reception, either Thursday or Friday, and other entertainments are spoken of and will be given if they can be gotten in without clashing. "The Manger Throne" a most beautiful cantata, will be sung by a selected choir of 17 voices, in St. James' Church on the evening of Wednesday, the twenty-sixth.

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For the purpose of alleviating the sufferings and administering to the wants of a poor family, ten sweet little girls gave a very creditable Christmas play of four acts last week. The bright little actresses, each a star, took great interest in the drama and were filled with enthusiasm and delight over the rich harvest of nickles, dimes and quarters which were the results of their labors. The motives prompting the dear little hearts are worthy of emulation by many who are their elders. The Christmas drama was given Friday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Worth by Misses Dorothy Nash, Louise Worth, Mary Bellamy, Adelade Worth, Francis Bailey, Almeria Stevenson, Gladys Taylor, Mary Worth, Louise Smallbones, and Charlotte ONeill, whose Christmas will be all the happier becauuse of their charitable deeds

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Miss Anne Gray Nash, of Tarboro, was guest of honor on Monday afternoon of one of the prettiest card parties of the season. Mrs. Robert N. Nash was hostess and entertained her guests most charmingly. The house decorations were of Christmas holly and pink roses, skilfully aranged, adding much to the effectiveness. Dainty refreshments of two courses were served and after interesting games of four tables of bridge, the guests departed carrying with them pleasant recollections. The guests were Miss Anne Gray Nash, Mrs. Thomas B. Willard, Mrs. Robert B. Adams, Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Mrs. Edward Jenner Wood, Mrs. Cornelius Van Lenven, Mrs. Neil D. Emerson, Mrs. Thomas M. Green, Mrs. James Sears, Mrs. Robert H. Gwaltney, Miss Elliot Emerson, Miss Julia Parsley, Miss Mary Borden, Miss Lilla Bellamy, Miss May Beverly French and Miss Alice Borden.

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A beautiful card party carrying out the Christmas idea in all of its detail was that which was given last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Frank L. Huggins and Miss Anna Cantwell at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Huggins, on Market street. The halls and rooms were very tastefully decorated with holly, filled with bright red berries and other evergreens of the season with here and there handsome flowers to give a touch of color to the pretty scene. Euchre was played, pretty score cards bearing appropriate scenes were given out by little "Billy" Huggins, dressed as Santa Claus, his part in the entertainment, no doubt, giving him infinite delight. Mrs. Huggins and Miss Cantwell's guests numbered 75 and the afternoon was one of much pleasure to them. Beautiful refreshments of punch and two courses were served and the first prize for cards, a white inlaid fan, fell to Mrs. Robert S. Collins, while Mrs. Frederick W. Dick was awarded a picture as a consolation and Mrs. John T. Rankin received the "booby."

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The absorbing theme of thought and interest in appearance of the Princeton Glee Club at the Academy of Music on Christmas night, the entertainment to be given them Christmas Day and in the evening after their appearance. The Club will travel in its own train of two Pullman cars and a baggage coach and will be accompanied by an official of the Seaboard Air Line to ensure connections and schedules. The Club will arrive in Wilmington about mid-day of the twenty-fifth and will be entertained at supper by Mrs. James Sprunt, before the evening's performance at the Academy. At the conclusion of the performance the Club and those who have been invited to accompany them, will be taken in a special trolley car to Airlie where they will be given a dance by Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones. The Princeton men will leave Wilmington about 3 o'clock in the morning of the twenty-sixth for Atlanta, where they will give an entertainment the same night. The reception of the Club will be a most cordial one and nothing will be left undone to make their visit to Wilmington one which will linger as a pleasant memory of their tour of 1906.

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Many homes will be made brighter and happier by the return for the holidays of Wilmington's bevy of young ladies who are attending schools and colleges in this and other States. Those expected this week are: From St. Mary's, Misses Bessie Albright, Sue Prince, and Helen Strange; The Normal, Misses Mellie Cotchett, Annette Munds, Annie Hill Holmes and Mary Baldwin Mitchell; Holling Institute, Misses Margaret Smith, Helen Kenly, Lillian Kenly, Belle Heyer and Mildred Smith; Madame LaFevre's, Misses Florence Kidder, Bessie Bridgers and Elise Kidder; Converse, Misses Annie Worth and Olive Quince; Miss Stuart's, Misses Virginia Bailey, Fannie Murchison, Christine Stevenson, Isabel Smallbones, Agnes McQueen and Marguerite Holladay. The young men of the city who are attending the various institutions of learning will also spend their holidays at home and the presence of so many students of both sexes will add much to the galeties and pleasures of the younger set during the joyous season.

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The sacred cantata of the "Manger Throne" will be sung in St. James' Church on the evening of Wednesday, the twenty-sixth inst., by a selected choir of 17 voices. The cantata will be under the direction of Mr. Edward H. Munson, the gifted organist, and will be an interesting and beautiful description of the birth of Christ. Very attractive programmes giving the words of the story of the Savior's birth wil be distributed through the congregation, so that those who attend can fully understand and appreciate the cantata, which is peculiarly appropriate to the season. It will be divided into four parts, "The Annunciation," "The Vision of the Shepherds," "The Wise Men," and 'Bethlehem." Rev. Mr. Hogue will deliver a short address of about 15 minutes and the cantata will be sung in about 45 minutes. That the occasion will be one of much pleasure admits of no doubt as will be seen by a glance at the personnel of the musician and choir:

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Altos—Mrs. James D. Smith, Mrs. William O. Shellburne, Mrs. Greene Fenley, Miss Belle Anderson, and Miss Carrie Barker.

Tenors—Mr. Charles Dushan, Prof. H. Womersley, Mr. Greene Fenley.

Bassos—Mr. Eugene M. Beery, Mr. W. G. W. Krafft and Mr. Alex S. Holden.

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All that taste could lend in making beautiful decoration to an attractive home was witnessed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Bellamy on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Bellamy gave in honor of her daughters, Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., and Mrs. Edward Jenner Wood, a brilliant reception to which about 250 invitations had been issued. The halls and rooms were decorated with quantities of white and pink roses and magnificent chrysanthemums of the same colors which had for background pretty ferns and beautiful palms, resting in handsome jardinieres. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Robert C. DeRosset, Miss Fannie Taylor and Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Jr., who ushered them to the parlors where Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, Jr. and Mrs. Edward Jenne Wood were in the receiving line. The parlor decorations were quantities of handsome chrysanthemums, asparagus ferns and delicate tendrils and ropes of smilax. From the parlors, guests were shown to the dining rooms which were beautifully decorated with white and pink roses; above the centre table was suspended a large wedding bell of bride's roses with quantities of pink satin ribbon. The refreshments were salad and ice courses and were most dainty, having been furnished by one of the most noted caterers of a leading Northern city. The ices, in forms were very beautiful and carried out in a measure the color sceme of the room. The punch bowl was presided over by Mrs. John Van-Bokkelen Metts, Mrs. Thomas Blount Willard and Miss Lucy Bridgers and the little Misses Virginia Taylor, Eugenia Harriss and Katie Grainger served with much pleasure to the large number of guests. Others who assisted in entertaining Mrs. Bellamy's guests were Miss Bessie Burruss, Miss Margaret Bridgers, Mrs. Thomas McDonald, Miss Lilla Bellamy, Mrs. Jas. Walter Williamson, Miss Elovine Burruss and Mrs. Robert R. Bellamy.

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Never before in the history of Wilmington, has there been a more successful sale. Our store has been crowded until we have had to close the doors. Hundreds have visited the store each and every day of the sale finding everything just as advertised, going away well pleased and telling their friends of the wonderful bargains to be had. We will continue this great crushing reduction sale until December 25. For the benefit of those who have not yet had the opportunity to attend this sale, below are a few of the many thousand bargains that have caused this store to be crowded with eager purchasers.

Below are a Few of the Many Thousand Bargains that Have Caused Our Store to Be Crowded With Eager Purchasers:

MEN'S SUITS.

One lot of Men's Suits all to match. These suits are positively worth to $8.50, crushed to **$2.98**

Men'' Nobby Business Suits, well worth $10.00. These include a splendid selection of single and double breasted styles of the most dependable fabric, including a variety of weights and grades, in dressy looking mixtures, small checks and broken plaid effects **$4.98**

$7.85 gives you the choice of a magnificent assortment of Men's Suits in Single and Double Breasted, made of the most dependable cloth, in the newest colors and tailored in the latest style. Better made garments have never been offered in this city for less than $12.50, crushing sale **$7.85**

A nice range of English Tweed of French or English Worsteds, made by most noted tailors, values up to $15.00, to be crushed out atat **$9.89**

Men's Fine Dress Suits, extra values, equal in every respect to the finest custom work. These values are such as have never been sold for less than $20.00, to be crushed to **$11.98**

MEN'S OVERCOATS.

Men's Long, Loose-fitting Overcoats, perfectly made in the newest styles, well worth $8.50 crushed to **$3.95**

Men's Overcoats made to sell for $10.00. This line embraces some of the best values ever offered in the city of Wilmington, to be crushed out at **$5.95**

Another line of Overcoats that is a stem winder. This one we offer at $7.65. These coats are as fine as you ever saw sold for $12.50, made of splendid black or Oxford Frieze, also the newest stripes or plaid effects, crushed to **$7.65**

Men's Heavy Overcoats in the newest and latest designs, values up to $16.50, crushed to **$9.85**

SHIRTS.

Men's Dress Shirts, well worth 50 cents, crushed to 19c

Men's Negligee Soft Shirts, crushed to 39c

Men's $1.00 Negligee and Dress Shirts crushed to 69c

UNDERWEAR.

Men's Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, the 50 cent kind, the world over, crushed to 33c

All of our $1.00 garments in fleece lined, Darby ribbed, etc., crushed to 89c

One lot of Men's Winter Weight Underwear crushed to 19c

Elastic Seam Drawers, the 50c and 75c kind, crushed to 39c

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Here are some of the greatest values ever offered to the people of Wilmington. Hundreds of dollars will be lost in this department, but we are determined to reduce this stock to its normal point.

Men's Linen Collars in all sizes crushed to 4c

Men's 10 cent quality in black tan and mixed Hose, crushed to 4c

Men's 15 cent quality of black Hose crushed to 8c

Men's 35c Fancy Hose, crushed to 17c

Men's 10 cent White Handkerchiefs crushed to 3c

Men's 15 cent Handkerchiefs crushed to 7c

Men's 25 cent Suspenders crushed to 16c

Men's Regular 50 Cent Suspenders crushed to 33c

MEN'S PANTS.

One lot of Men's Pants, a nice range of patterns, values up to $2.00 This lot will not last long as it comprises the greatest values on earth, to be crushed out at 69c

$1.50 and $2.00 values crushed to 98c

One lot of $2.50 and $3.00 values made up of nice new up-to-date patterns, to be crushed out at $1.98

$3.50 and $4.00 Men's Nice Dress Pants, well tailored in a nice assortment of patterns, crushed to $2.48

SHOES.

In the face of the advancing market on Shoes we will offer the people of Wilmington some of the greatest values on earth in Shoes.

Men's Shoes crushed to $1.23

Men's Nice Dress Shoes, values up to $2.50, crushed to $1.43

Men's Nice Dress Shoes in patent leather and vici kid, values up to $3.00, crushed to $2.39

All of our $3.50 Shoes crushed to $2.98

$4.50 values in the newest and latest styles, crushed to ... $3.79

LADIES' SHOES.

To be sold at less than the raw material.

One lot of Ladies' Shoes in all sizes, values up to $1.25, crushed to 68c

$1.50 values crushed to $1.19

Ladies' Nice Dress Shoes in the newest styles, values up to $1.75 crushed to $1.29

$2.50 values. These shoes are made by America's most noted shoemakers, absolutely correct in style, crushed to $1.98

CHILDREN'S SHOES.

One hundred pairs of Children's Shoes in all sizes, values up to $1.50, crushed to 48c

$1.00 Shoes crushed to 79c

$1.50 Shoes crushed to 98c

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY.

Ladies and Children's Hose in black, tan and mixtures, well worth 10 cents, crushed to .. 4c

Ladies' Hose, the 15 cent kind, crushed to 8c

20 cent values, crushed to 11c

50 dozen Children's Heavy Ribbed Hose, the kind for winter, that sell for 25 cents the world over, crushed to 16c

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests that sell for 25c and 35c any place in the city, crushed to 18c

Ladies' Heavy Fleece Shirts and Drawers, the 50 and 65 cent kind crushed to 39c

W. J. PENNY & CO.'S GREAT SALE WILL NOT CLOSE UNTIL DECEMBER 25.

.... OUR GUARANTEE.

We will gladly exchange any garment or money will be refunded for any article bought here during the sale.

W. J. PENNY & CO.,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

W. J. PENNY & CO.'S STOCK HAS BEEN CRUSHED BEYOND RECOGNITION. SALE WILL LAST 10 DAYS MORE UNTIL DECEMBER 25.

The Morning Star.

Wilmington, N. C. Sunday, Dec. 16.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16, 1906.

Meterological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, December 15th.

Temperature at 8 A. M. 51 degrees; at 8 P. M. 58 degrees; maximum 71 degrees; minimum 45 degrees; mean 58 degrees.

Rainfall of the day 0; rainfall since the first of the month to date .88 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear River at Fayetteville 8 A. M. Thursday 7 feet.

Forecast.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy Sunday with rain and much colder in west and north portions; Monday showers, variable winds becoming fresh northeast.

Port Almanac—December 16, 1906.

Sun Rises	7:04 A M
Sun Sets	4:47 P M
Day's Length	9 hrs 43 min
High water at Wilmington	11:00 P M
High water at Southport	8:30 P M
Day's Length	9 hrs. 48 min.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. W. Taylor, of Jacksonville, Onslow county, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Col. W. B. Fort, of Pikeville, was in the city yesterday a guest at The Orton.

—Messrs John Schmitt and William D. Barbee, of Southport, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. L. E. Covington, of Laurinburg, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. Robert Armstrong, of Wallace, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

—Mr. J. T. Batson, of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday making business calls.

—Mr. John M. Bass, Jr., left yesterday for Kenansville, N. C. on a short business trip.

—Mr. Nixon Ottoway, of El Paso, Brunswick county, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. R. D. Cronly, of Petersburg Va., is in the city to spend a day or two with friends and family.

—Mr. T. H. Woodcock, of Atkinson, N. C., is in the city to spend a few days with friends and relatives.

—Mr. George Dixon, of Dixon, N. C., returned home yesterday after a business trip to the city.

—Mr. Z. B. Duncan, of Norfolk, Va., is in the city visiting his mother, Mrs M. E. Duncan.

—Miss Julia Wood, of Camden Crossing, S. C., who has been visiting relatives in the city returned home yesterday.

—Mr. R. S. Atkinson, of Sloop Point Pender county, was in the city yesterday and was a pleasant caller at the Star office.

—Miss Allie Cranmer Morris has returned home from Asheville to spend the holiday season, much to the delight of her many friends.

—Mrs. Asa Dosher and little son, Johnnie, of Southport, are in the city visiting their relative, Mrs. W. T. Ottoway.

—Mr. William A. Strother, of the Franklin Contracting Company, of New York, is visiting his mother, Mrs. B. N. Strothers, at 611 Orange street.

—Mr. P. P. Pilcher, of the Chief Engineer's office at the Coast Line, has gone to Richmond to spend Sunday at his old home.

—Mr. Howard C. Curtis, of the Southport Standard, spent yesterday in the city, a guest of Miss Alice Fishblate.

—Mr. George E. Benson, has taken a position as traveling salesman with the Anderson-Lewis-Gray Company, wholesale dry goods merchants of Richmond, Va.

—Mr. W. H. Savory, of the Merganthaler Linotype Company, is in the city on a business trip. Mr. Savory was formerly in this territory and is pleasantly remembered by a great many friends who are pleased to renew his acquaintance.

The New York Team Owners' Association yesterday filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Southern Pacific Railway Company, alleging that preference is given to the firm of Kelly & Buck, who like the defendants, are engaged in the cartage of merchandise to the defendant's stations in New York City, in handling freight originating in the New England States and destined to points South and West.

For furs, as Christmas presents, they have no equal. Gaylord's stock caters to your wants. **

Christmas Slippers in Felt, Leather and Chrochet at Peterson & Rulf's. **

Go to Rehder's for your Christmas goods. **

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LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooner Bayard Hopkins, having completed discharging cargo of bag fertilizers here, cleared yesterday light for Georgetown, S. C.

—The Piano Club will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Luther Memorial Building. All members are invited to attend.

—Dr. Joseph Akerman will speak to men at the Boys' Brigade armory this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. George Snow will be the soloist.

—The postponed meeting of the Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters, will be held at the residence of Mrs. William Latimer, No. 126 South Third street Tuesday morning. December 18, at 11 o'clock.

—In the finals in the ladies' contest on the golf links yesterday afternoon Miss Lilla Bellamy won the handsome cup offered for the ladies and Mr. George Rountree won the play-off in the gentleman's contest.

—Wreckage from an unknown vessel is reported as floating about Frying Pan lightship. Shipping men are inclined to believe that it is from some of the submerged vessels reported off this coast after the recent storm.

—The British steamer Gorsemore, 1,098 tons, Capt. Walker, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Baltimore and will receive cargo from Messrs Alexander Sprunt & Son. Other steamers for cotton cargoes are expected early this week.

—It has been decided by L'Agile Cotillion Club to give its December german on New Year's eve. The date is very appropriate for the gathering of young people as the dance will afford an excellent opportunity for "watching the old year out and ringing in the new."

MR. WILLIAMSON NAMED.

Bladen Man Appointed Secretary to Hon. H. L. Godwin.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

The many friends of Mr. John S. Williamson, one of Bladen's most popular and talented citizens, will be delighted to learn that he has received the appointment of private secretary to Hon. H. L. Godwin. Our popular Congressman could have not made a wiser selection as Mr. Williamson is admirably fitted for the position and will make an ideal secretary, and no member will have a more capable clerk.

He has been prominent in politics for the past twenty years, and is one of the leading Democrats of the Cape Fear section, and has always been found in the thick of the fight for the principles of his party.

He has been Register of Deeds of Bladen county for the past eight years and no county in the State had a more competent official. This year he declined a renomination.

He has served four years as secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee of Bladen county and has rendered the party valuable and effective service on the hustings.

A high toned Christian gentleman, clever, energetic, brave and courageous, no man in the Sate is more entitled to political honors. We of Bladen congratulate Congressman Godwin.

A SUCCESSFUL RUN.

Bloodhound Successful in Chase After Escaped Convict.

Score one for the county bloodhound!

After a chase of between seven and eight miles, continuing more than two hours, the bloodhound recently purchased by the county, ran to cover yesterday afternoon, Haywood Hankins, an escaped convict, who made a break for liberty from the gang at work on the Scott's Hill road between the nine and ten mile posts. Hankins made a dash for liberty shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday morning and succeeded in making good his escape to all appearances. Constable Savage was telephoned of the escape and was requested to bring the hound. Mr. Savage left with the dog at once and took up the trail about two hours later. He opened on the track of the escape in good fashion, and the pursuing party kept close behind, the animal being a rather slow trailer but very careful. After a distance of a mile the dog bayed, the convict stripes that had been discarded in the flight and left in the woods, trousers being borrowed from a clothes line at some country house. The dog continued the run for some distance further and warmed up on the trail. The officers saw that the negro had only a short lead and ran ahead to keep any harm from coming to the animal at the hands of the convict. Hankins was caught on the railroad track about two miles from the city, making his way to town. He was hand cuffed in short order and returned to the stockade where he has six complete.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

Anncuncements By Wilmington Pastors For City Pulpits To-day.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows' building, second floor; Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson Sermon, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Forces?" All are invited.

Market Street, M. E. Church, South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford pastor: Preaching Sunday 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. S. S. at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Second Advent Church: Prayer and song service at 10 o'clock conducted by W. J. Reaves. Regular services at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Evening prayer and song service conducted by W. E. Streeter from 7 to 8 o'clock. Regular services in the evening 7:30. Pastor J. W. S. Harvey. All are invited. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Fourth and Orange street, Rev. A. W. Seabrease rector: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Seats free. Strangers are cordially invited.

St. Matthews' English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley pastor: Sunday school at 10 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M. Vesper services at 7:30 P. M. Y. P. Society Thursday night at 8 P. M. Every person welcome.

Bladen Street M. E. Church, Rev. A. J. Parker pastor: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Sunday school at 3:30; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets; Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor: Third Sunday in Advent. English service 11 A. M.; English Vesper service 7:30 P. M.; Sunday school 3:00 P. M. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

St. John's Church, corner of Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector. Third Sunday in Advent. Services by the rector at the usual hours. Sunday school 3:30 P. M. Seats free. Strangers cordially welcomed.

St. Thomas Church, first mass 7 A. M.; last mass, sermon, 10:30 Vespers 7:45 P. M.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor: Preaching at 11 A. M., by Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, the new presiding elder of the Wilmington district, and at 7:30 P. M., by Rev. A. McCullen, the retiring pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M., R. V. Leonard, superintendent. A cordial welcome to all.

MARRIED AT WARSAW.

Mr. W. Harry Atkinson Claims a Fair Duplin Bride.

Miss Sallie Claire Bass, an attractive young woman of Warsaw, and Mr. W. Harry Atkinson, of this city, were married yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. R. Bass, at Warsaw, the Rev. C. M. Rock, of the Baptist Church officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives and is described as a very pretty one indeed. After receiving the congratulations of many friends, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson left on the northbound train for an extended bridal tour to Florida and other southern points.

Judgment Against Railroad.

In Justice Furlong's court yesterday judgment was given for something over $600 in 12 of 14 cases brought by Contractor C. B. West against the A. C. L., for penalties for failure to deliver freights in a reasonable length of time as prescribed in the code, the instances having been material for the Sternberger building on Front street. Two other cases were nonsuited. L. V. Grady, Esq. appeared for the plaintiff and Thomas W. Davis, Esq., for the railroad company.

Purcell House Leases.

Leases were filed yesterday from William E. Springer & Co. to the Gerken Tobacco Co. for the store now occupied by the firm on Front street and to Joseph H. Hinton for the "Purcell House," in the same building. The lease to the Gerken Tobacco Company is for three years at $1,200 per year, the said premises to be used at no time for immoral purposes or for the sale of liquors. The lease to Mr. Hinton for a period of five years at $1,500 per year, the agreement being that the building shall be used exclusively for sleeping apartments and that no meals will be served in the building. The lesser contracts to make certain improvements which have already been completed.

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Today cars to the Beach every half hour from 1 to 5 P. M. **

We have an immense stock of goods in the way of toys, and wonderful assortment of Christmas presents from Toyland in Gaylord's store. **

What Adam ate, not what he drank,
Was he from Eden's garden driven,
O, what a difference there now would be,
If he had taken Rocky Mountain Tea.
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Car Fare Paid on Purchases of $2.00 and upwards.

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THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE

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DON'T WORRY

Abou "What to Choose"----Here are Suggested Gifts for Every Member of the Family.

FOR MEN.

Mufflers, silk, 50c to $1.50.
Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 50c.
Umbrellas from 50c to $5.00.
Kid Gloves 50c to $1.75 a pair.
Fur Driving Gloves $1.50 to $2.50 pair
Golf Gloves from 25c to $1.00.
Fancy Cashmere Hose 25c to 50c.
Wool Sweaters $1.00 to $1.50.
Night Shirts 48c to $1.00.
Fancy Shirts 48c to $1.00.
Watches all kinds 75c upwards.
Cuff Buttons 25c to $2.00
Watch Chains 25c to $5.00
Scarf Pins 10c $1.00
Card Cases from 25c $1.50
Pocket Books 25c to $1.50
Fancy Shaving Sets 75c to $1.50
Military Hair Brushes $1.50
Fancy Suspenders 25c to $1.50
Fur Caps 45c to $1.00
Yacht and Golf Caps 25c to $1.50
Fancy Neckwear from 25c to 75c
Tabacco Jars from 25c to $1.00
Smoking Sets from 65c to $2.50
Derby or Fedora Hats 95c to $2.95
Colege Hats 50c to $2.00
Gold Fobs 25c to $1.98
Razors 50c to $2.50
Gillette Safety Razors $5.00 $6.50 $7.50
Traveling Bags $2.50 to $5.00
Match Boxes 69c
Shaving Mirror on stand $1.50 to $2.98
Over Coats $2.98 to $15.00
Rain Coats $10.00 to $25.00
Suits $2.98 to $20.00
Pants 98c to $6.00
Fancy and White Vests 98c to $3.75
Pocket Knives 15c to $1.50
Collars 10c to 25c
Cuffs 15c to 25c pair

FOR BOYS.

Colars and Cuff Boxes 25c
Gold Pens 99c
Pencil Boxes 5c and 10c
Boys' Cotton Hose 10c to 25c
Golf Gloves 25c to 50c
Fancy Shirts 25c to 50c
Wool Sweaters 98c
Night Shirts 48c 75c
Gold Rings $.00
Watches upwards from 75c
Tool Chests from 25c to $1.75
Toy Drums from 25c to $1.00
Horse and Cart 25c to 98c and $1.25
Accordions 50c to 98c
Suspenders from 10c to 50c
Kersey and Plush Caps 25c to 95c
Air Rifles 75c to 98c
Boys' Saw and Buck 50c to $1.00
Boys' Books 15c to $2.50
Foot Balls 75c to $1.50
Mandolin $2.75
Mouth Organ 10c to 25c
Toy Shooting Gallery
Velocipedes 25c to $1.50
Magic Lanterns 89c to $2.50
Soldier Outfit $1.25
Express Wagon all wood 75c
Express Wagon all iron 75c to $2.50
Boys' Wheelbarrow 25c to 50c

FOR WOMEN.

Handkerchiefs from 5c to 50c each
Four Plain Linen Handkerchiefs in Box 25c
Six Plain Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs in Box 50c
Six Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs in Box 98c to $1.75
Stock Collars 25c to $2.50
Umbrellas from 50c to $4.98
Kid Gloves 75c to $3.50
Golf Gloves 25c to 50c
Cashmere and Silk Gloves 25c to $1.50
Plain Black Hose 10c to 50c
Fancy Watches upward $3.50
Solid Gold Rings upward $1.00
Leather Pocketbooks 25c to $3.50
Hand Bags 25c to $3.50
Fancy Belts 25c to 50c
Toilet Sets 95c to $3.50
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes 35c to 98c
Fancy Box Stationery 25c to $1.25
Cloaks $1.98 to $18.00
Rain Coats $2.98 to $15.00
Wool Skirts 98c to $12.50
Silk Skirts $3.50 to $10.00
Wool Knit Skirts 48c to $1.48
Trimmed Hats 75c to $15.00
Ready-to-Wear Hats 25c to $4.98
Pearless Slipper Soles 25c
Fur Scarfs $1.25 to $35.00
Flat Muffs $3.95 to $12.50
Fancy Pin Cushions 25c to $2.50
Mercerized Petticoats 98c to $4.50
Flanellette Gowns 85c to $1.25
Dressing Sacques 48c to $1.50
Flannel Waists $1.00 up
Chain Purses 19c
Bed Room Slippers 98c up
White Aprons 25c to 50c
Traveling Bags $2.49
Elderdown Sacks $1.25
Night Gowns 75c to $2.98
Silk Waists $3.50 to $5.00
Manicure Sets $1.00
Fancy Belt Pins 50c
Frame Pictures 25c to $6.50
Photograph Albums 98c to $2.98
Work Baskets 69c to $3.98
Shopping Bags 75c

FOR GIRLS.

Work Boxes from 25c to $1.00
Cloth Bound Books from 10c to 25c
Dressed Dolls 1c to $5.00
China Tea Sets from 10c to $2.98
Iron Stoves from 25c to $1.50
Toy Furniture Sets 10c to $1.50
Handkerchiefs from 2½c to 25c
Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes 15c to 25c
Umbrellas 39c to 98c
Golf Gloves from 25c to 50c
Heavy Ribbed Hose 10c to 25c
Fleece Lined Hose 10c to 39c
Necklaces 25c $1.75
Bracelets from 25c to $1.50
Rings from $1.00 upwards
Fur Scarfs from $1.25 to $6.50
Girls' Coats from $2.95 to$10.00
Toy Pianos 25c to $1.50
Toy Trunks from 25c to $1.00
Doll Go-Carts 25c to $6.50
Toy Writing Desks
Fur Neck Piece and Muff to match 90c to $6.50
Trimmed Hats 75c to $5.00
Ready-to-Wear Hats 25c to $1.98
Doll Outfits each 25c
Great Big French Dressed Dolls each $2.98
Girls Toilet Sets each 85c
Japanese Doll 10c
Small Hand Bag 19c
Doll Houses $1.00 to $2.50
Sweaters $1.98 to $2.50
Silver Thimbles 25c
Sewing Outfit 49c to $1.00
Rain Coats $5.98

FOR INFANTS.

Cashmere Hose 10c to 25c pair
Cotton Hose from 5c to 25c pair
Mitts all colors 10c to 50c
Bootees all Wool, all Cotton 10c to 48c
All Wool Knit Sacques 25c to $1.25
Gold Rings rom 50c to $1.50
Silver Cups 25c
Hair Brushes and Combs 25c to $1.50
Trumpets from 5c to 25c
Rag Dolls from 5c to 50c
Stuffed Animals from 75c to $1.50
All Wool Knit Hoods 19c to 69c
Fancy Knit Toques 25c to 69c
Silk Hoods 50c to $1.50

FOR THE HOME.

Gold Mantle Clocks $1.50 to $6.50
China Berry Dishes upwards $1.50
Albums 39c to $2.98
Couch Covers 98c to $7.50
Moquet Rugs 98c to $3.75
Smyrna Rugs 98c to $5.00
Hassocks 98c to $1.48
Wool Blankets $3.50 to $6.50
White Bed Spreads 18c to $5.00
Sheets 48c to 98c
Pillow Cases 10c to 25c each
Table Linen the yard 25c to $1.50
Doylies the dozen 25c to $3.50
Flower Vases 25c to $1.98

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Which Appear From Record Filed at Court House Yesterday.

Robert H. Northrop and wife to W. M. Cumming and wife, for $10 and other considerations, property on east side of Love street, 60 feet south of Nixon street 30x75 feet in size.

Junius Davis, receiver to Martin S. Willard, for $2,100, property at northwest corner of Fourth and Marstellar streets southwest corner of Fourth and Marstellar, northwest corner of Fifth and Marstellar streets, southwest corner of Fifth and Marstellar streets, southwest corner of Third and Marstellar and on east side of Second 132 feet south of Marstellar street.

Robert Henry and wife and others to Benj. A. Moore, for $10 and other considerations property at northeast corner of Eighth and Swan streets, 45x50 feet in size.

W. B. Beery and wife to Mrs. Amelia Harlow, for $100 and other considerations, property on west side of Fifth, 132 feet north of Castle street, 33x66 feet in size.

B. O. Stone and wife to Emma C. Hutaff, for $200, property on east side of Woods street, 231 feet north of Miller street, 33x165 feet in size.

F. M. Bryant and wife to W. M. Cumming and wife, for $1,387.89, property 87 feet east of Fourth street and 66 feet south of Bladen street, 66x133 feet in size.

DIED.

GREGORY—At the family home, No. 408 Church street, December 15th at 5 P. M. EARLE THOMAS, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gregory; aged one month and 16 days.

Funeral this (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from residence. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

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LETTER FROM MR. M'RAE.

Gives Position of Company in Regard To Street Franchise.

Editor The Morning Star,
Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

It is with regret that I notice the tone you take in this morning's issue in regard to the granting by the Board of Aldermen of permission to place additional tracks of the Consolidated Company on the streets of the city. Your comment was based on the statement of a prominent citizen whom I think had seen only one side of the question, and was possibly not present at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen where many of the arguments for and against were set forth.

My understanding is that every Alderman of the city of Wilmington is in favor of granting the request, three of them having preferred to defer final action until next Monday. The permission to lay these additional tracks is only valuable to the Consolidated Company in that it permits them to, and is the only possible way in which they can give satisfactory public service. The traffic of the city of Wilmington has grown to a point where a ten minute car service is entirely out of date and inadequate and perhaps Wilmington is the only city of its size in the South which has not more frequent service on its main streets. The citizens have become accustomed to the ten-minute service and do not at all realize its disadvantages to them and its detriment to the growth of the city. If, and when the double tracks are installed the Consolidated Company will I believe make less earnings per mile of track and car run than is the case at the present time.

As far as the extension to the suburbs are concerned the company would be very glad not to do this at present as it will result undoubtedly in an actual loss in operations for several years. The company's willingness to make these extensions was in recognition of the fact that something more is due to the public than taking care of the immediate present, which would result in restraining the progress of the city and in turn be detrimental eventually to the interests of the company. There is nothing more certain than that one must sow if one would reap. It is perfectly clear to me, but does not seem to have occurred to the prominent citizen to whom you refer, that both parties to any fair trade should be benefitted, and there is always room in a fair trade for benefit to both. I am prepared to show that five times as much benefit will accrue to Wilmington through the granting of this permission as will accrue to the Consolidated Company. The city of Wilmington will not have to pay anything for this benefit and the Consolidated Company will have to pay for the cost of the work on Front Street and Princess Street, which is not inconsiderable. As to the suburbs, the benefits to accrue to the public are in far greater proportion and will be immediate. After watching the situation closely the Consolidated Company realizes that the present service has been allowed to go as long as possible without being the cause of general discontent and dissatisfaction. If it were not for this the Consolidated Company would much prefer to postpone the development for one or two years. An illustration of what would happen can be seen by the present unfortunate position of the great trunk lines of the South, due to the fact that traffic and business has outgrown the facilities which they are in a position to furnish and would gladly furnish but cannot provide because money simply cannot buy the equipment now and because of the scracity of labor and material. It was made plain to the Board of Aldermen that unless the Consolidated Company immediately ordered the materials the probabilities were that they could not be secured within a year or two. Personally I would be very glad not to go into this development at the present time.

The Consolidated Company can hardly afford to accept the permission to use the streets under the general impression that they have been given for nothing a privilege worth $100,000 as stated by the prominent citizen. Neither can the company afford to have the Board of Aldermen placed in a position where they will seem to have acted otherwise than for the city's best interests. As a business propcsition it will cost the company too much to do this, because there would be a general disposition to penalize the company in various ways in order to offset these supposed benefits. In order to put the matter in concrete shape, if the permit is worth $100,000 to the company and the benefits to accrue to the city does not far outweigh this, and if the citizens interested in the suburban development will release us from the responsibility of giving them through cars to the junction, I will see that the order for rails is cancelled and that no use is made of the permission to use Front and Princess streets granted by the Board of Aldermen, provided that it is made clear to the Board of Aldermen that their constituents and the citizens of Wilmington generally that they have made a mistake in granting this permission, and provided it is the wish of the Board of Aldermen to hold a meeting not later than this week and accept our offer to return to the city the permission which has been granted. While this may perhaps seem Quixotic I would be willing to do it for two reasons. First, as above stated, because the company cannot afford to put itself in a position to be continually criticised and penalized in the future because of this supposed benefit, and second, because I am unwilling to be placed in the position of receiving benefits from the city for which an ample return is not given; and am unwilling to do the work and make the sacrifice which this undertaking would require, and at the same time be subjected to a continuous crossfire, sometimes from ambuh and sometimes in the open, by persons who perhaps look too keenly at one side of the question under discussion.

Yours Truly,
HUGH MACRAE.

SOUTH'S DEVELOPMENT.

Wherein The Ship Subsidy Discriminates Against This Section.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—James T. Harahan, president of the Illinois Central Railroad to-night outlined that road's policy in furthering the South's commercial development. The occasion of the speech being a banquet tendered Mr. Harahan by the New Orleans Progressive Union. Many railroad men were present, including Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville & Nashville, who was also a speaker.

Referring to the provisions of the proposed ship subsidy law, President Harahan said:

"It is to the detriment of the South that the government proposes to place five ships on regular schedule between Colon and New York City, and none between New Orleans and Colon. Every pressure ought to be brought to bear to induce the government to divide the appropriations so that the gulf ports would not be placed at this great disadvantage. At least 75 per cent of the Panama traffic should pass through New Orleans. To my mind it is not right to have a large quantity of goods, which is manufactured or grown in the South and Central States all the way to the East when this traffic could be brought direct to New Orleans and shipped fromthere to the isthmus with a great saving in time and distance."

President Smith speaking on "the great railroads of the South," said in part:

"The cost of operating and maintaining railways has been increasing with leaps and bounds. To add to the anxiety of the owners of railway properties are threatened with loss, possible confiscation by the people who are to an extent debauched by the leaders, who for selfish reasons denounce corporations, especially railroad corporations, falsely charging them with ruining the country."

Continuing he said "The attitude of the government and its administration is antagonistic to railways. President Roosevelt has in two annual messages to a Congress sharply criticised two of the Federal judges, a coordinate department of government, because they have in the performance of their duties rendered decisions unsatisfactory to him. He and the Department of Justice have in effect pursued a course of intimidation not heretofore attempted. When it is considered that the President appoints the judges which in cludes their promotion, it is not too much to characterize his conduct as dastardly. His plaint is that the government has not the right of appeal and that the appeals which he announces were final. Are the judges at fault because the laws of the country do not provide for an appeal in criminal cases? As I am advised, since the creation of the government the law has been that a man accused of crime and acquitted cannct be again tried for the same offense. The justice of such law will not be denied. I think."

The convicts at the Oakley prison farm near Jackson, Miss., yesterday mutinied and killed Guard J. M. Buckley, cutting his throat, and broke the arm of Sergeant Dobbs in charge of the farm. They have barricaded themselves in a farm building and are defying the other guards. Governor Vardaman and members of the local military company left for the scene on a special train.

The tunnel through Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, driven by the Southern Railway, is finished, the working parties meeting yesterday. Tuennel is 3,600 feet long and in its course penetrates a cave filled with beautiful stalactites,

Charles F. McCue, 40 years of age, brother of ex-Mayor J. Samuel McCue, woh was hanged at Charlottesville, Va., in the Spring of 1905, for the murder of his wife, committed suicide yesterday afterncon at his farm near Afton.

Christmas Slippers in Felt, Leather and Chrochet at Peterson & Rulf's. **

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I will offer a stock of general merchandise, consisting of dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, shoes, jewelry and notions, for sale at PUBLIC AUCTION at Wallace, N. C., on the 10th day of January, 1907. Private bids for whole stock will be considered until the day named for the AUCTION SALE.

THOS. Q. HALL, Assignee of Abe Tannous.
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Masonic Temple, Dec., 14, 1906.

WILMINGTON LODGE NO. 319, A. F. & A. M.

Members and visiting brethren are requested to meet at Lodge room tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock to attend funeral of our late Brother B. R. Russell.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Red Springs citizen.—Hotel Townsend is now under the management of Mr. P. E. Linnell, an experienced hotel man of Charlotte. Many improvements are noted and Mr. Linnell is meeting with that encouragement and patronage from the traveling public he so well deserves.

—Commissioner of Insurance Young returned to Raleigh from Robeson county where Friday at Rayeford, Lee S. Ewing, colored, was given a preliminary hearing on the charge of representing the Solid Rock Building Association, of Philadelphia, which has no license whatever in North Carolina. Ewing was sent to jail in default of $200 bail.

—Washington, Dec., 14.—Congressman Webb today conferred with Secretary Taft regarding a monument to to be erected on the Kings Mountain battle ground in accordance with the bill passed at the last session appropropriating $30,000. It appears that actual work of construction will not begin until next spring. Secretary Taft requested Mr. Webb to bring the department the title to the land purchased by the Battle Ground Association and then he would appoint a commission to confer with the officers of the Association regarding designs, inscriptions, etc.

—Washington, D. C., Dec, 14.—The United States geological survey to-day issued a statemment of value to the people who live along the Yadkin river in North Carolina. These pamphlets are much sought after by people in search for factory sites. The statement concludes: "The power possibilities in this basin in South Carolina are unimportant, but in North Carolina the main stream and many of its tributaries can be made to furnish power in large amount at a number of places and for this reason they are among the most important power streams in the Southern States. The data collected at the guaging stations will furnish necessary information concerning the amount of water available for such power developments.

—Laurinburg Exchange.—The community was saddened last Wednesday morning with the announcement that Mr. Archie Jones, a well known man, had taken his own life. Mr. Jones, who was about 55 years of age, was employed by Mason Bros. at Masons' Cross and had gone out to look after some affairs at the gin, which was under his charge. Placing the key in the gin door, he walked around behind the building, crossed a ditch and secreterd himself behind an old sawdust pile and with a pocket knife cut his throat. When he was found he still clutched the knife in his hand but life was extinct. Mr. Jones served as a juror at the recent term of court here. No reason is assigned for the rash act.

—Greensboro, Dec., 14.—At a late hour last night Policemen Ridge and Marsh were called the home of their fellow officer, Policeman R. Y. Skeens, to quell a crowd of negroes who were making a big demonstration. The negroes had fired several pistols and shotguns, some of the shots having struck the house of the officer. When the officers arrived they found several of the crowd some of whom swore white sheets over their heads. They ran when the officers approached. At negro house nearby a negro dance was was in progress. The policemen also visited the place but when they demanded entrance, the participants in the dance also fled. Some time ago while carrying a negro to the lock-up Mr. Skeens shot the prisoner, as he had made a dash for liberty. The negroes were very much wrought up over this, and it is believed that the demonstration last night was the result of this feeling.

—Greensboro, Dec., 14.— Frazier Jones, the negro charged with killing his wife at their home at Gibsonville, on Thanksgiving day, was this afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury was out only a few minutes, and the verdict was reached on first ballot. Judgment will probably be announced tomorrow morning, the verdict leaving nothing for Judge Moore but to pronounce the death sentence and fix the date of his execution. The circumstances of the shooting were most revolting. After previous threats, the defendant in the presence of a large crowd of people at his home on the morning of Thanksgiving day, deliberately walked into the kitchen where his wife was at work and, after a brief and heated conversation, drew a pistol and opened fire. The first shot took effect in her hand and turning, she ran. Two more shots were fired in rapid succession and the woman fell to the floor and died almost instantly.

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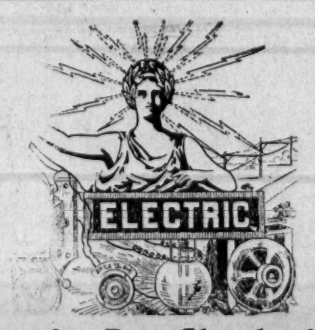

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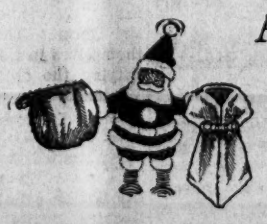
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PROPOSALS INVITED.
Wanted bids for grading Dickinson street from Wilmington & Newbern railroad to Green street. Plans to be seen at the office of Matthew & O'Brien, engineers, 413 Southern Building, where bids will be received not later than 12 o'clock noon the 17th of December.
PATRICK MATTHEW,
City Engineer.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec., 12, 1906
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CANNERIES ADVISED

Timely Communication From An Authority Who Has Studied the Question of Overproduction of Truck Crops.

To The Editor of The Morning Star:

Now that the trucking season is fast approaching there are a few things of great importance that should be considered by the farmer.

Every year it is becoming more and more apparent that the question of over-production, or at least over-shipments of certain kinds of truck and fruits, must be looked into. The short season in which different kinds of truck and fruits from the South must be put in the market, forces the trucker to ship at once, not giving him a chance to wait for a better market. This causes a glut, and often the actual freight has to be paid out of pocket, no returns being received.

I believe in a great measure this loss can be saved and better prices received by the trucker only shipping the very best quality or in other words, means that abouut half should be marketed.

The question arises what to do with the balance or other half. It can be easily answered in two ways, viz:

The farmers or truckers should form themselves into local corporations, subscribe amongst themselves enough capital to erect canning and preserving plants, and for seasons operating expenses send the best of their inferior truck to the plant, getting credit for quantity and quality so sent and at the end of the season, the canned or preserved goods are sold and each receives his proportion of the profits, less a sinking fund, according to the quantity and quality of his credits. The rest can be fed to stock which is essential that every trucker should have. The manure made by stock is the backbone of successful farming, but I hold that he would make a good profit from the sale of beef, pork, butter, and cheese, a great quantity of which has to be imported into the South every year, taking away much hard cash, a state of affairs that amounts almost to an absurdity.

Some claim that truck, etc., can be grown with artificial fertilizers alone, but in time that will prove a fallacy.

No soil can stand the constant exhaustion of the vegetable mold and produce good truck. The truck of the present day is becoming poorer and poorer in quality each year. Strawberries are simply bulbs of tasteless water with little or no flavor, Irish potatoes much the same, all caused by too much artificial fertilier, depletion of the vegetable mold and unnatural forcing.

I feel confident that if the farmer will adopt this system, he will get more money at less expense than he does now. The markets will not be glutted and the railroads will be able to handle the shipments satisfactorily, a thing they cannot do now. True they made a better show last year shipping strawberries than the previous season, but that was only done at the expense and delay of other freight of just as much importance although not so perishable.

Remember, inferior truck costs as much to handle and for freight as good quality and brings the good parcels down in price equal to the lowest and at lease onethird of the truck shipped from the South today is unfit for use when delivered; also truck grown from fertilizers will decay sooner. If possible a standard mesh should be agreed upon and strictly adhered to, making it fraud to top parcels or ship any other of less size. In this way both farmer and buyer will be benefitted.

PATRICK MATTHEW.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec., 12, 1906.

Soldiers In Battle.

"It is important to be cool and self possessed at the beginning of a fight," writes one who has commanded men in battle. "As soon as the first shot is fired men become serious and go into action with a calmness which is most impressive. High explosive shells, with their deafening noise, make the most impression on young and unseasoned soldiers, while shrapnel affects the old soldiers the most. Those who imagine that it is possible to see a heroic look on men's faces at a decisive moment are completely mistaken. Their faces are pale and have a hard look about them. The struggle which is going on within them betrays itself by the nervous haste of their firing."

Mosquitoless Cities.

Over in Europe there are many happy towns where the note of the mosquito is never heard and the inhabitants don't care a snap about the pennyroyal market. But in America the cities which can claim to be mosquitoless would not run up to a dozen. Denver is one of them, and, strange to say, Grand Rapids, Mich., only a short way from the gnat Gehennas of Lake Superior, is another. The explanation is that the city is built on hillocks of drift sand so deep and so finely pulverized that they absorb moisture like tissue paper. Stagnant water does not get a ghost of a chance to accumulate, and mosquitoes have carried their cargo of microbes to more congenial markets.—Health Culture.

A SOLDIER'S NAME

By EVERETT HOLBROOK

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IN our town there was a mysterious soldier, asleep, with a stone cross above his head, and on the stone were some good words of Scripture and the date of the man's death. There had been a name also, and one might still see the marks of the chisel which had cut off the raised letters. A small plot was set apart for him and was always well kept. Upon Memorial day it would be plentifully bedecked with flowers.

In the years after the removal of the name from the cross the stranger was not omitted from the roll of honor, wherein he figured by his rank alone.

"Lieutenant," the venerable Pastor Congreve would say, with a glance toward the grave and after a moment's pause—"our guest, whose name unhappily we do not know."

On an afternoon in the middle of April a card was brought to me in my office in New York, and I supposed that it foreshadowed a newspaper interview, for the sender was a reporter named Henry Drummond, with whom I had a slight acquaintance. He was an agreeable young man, of a remarkably engaging appearance, and I was able to tell him honestly that I was glad to see him. His errand, as he informed me immediately, had nothing to do with "copy." He had come to avail himself of my legal advice.

"I have recently inherited a lawsuit," said he, "and I want to know what to do with it. You've heard of the muddle about the division of the Merrill estate?"

"Yes," said I. "There's a part of it in my native town. As a result of this long drawn controversy one of the finest old residences on the Maine coast has been without a tenant for more than ten years and a great piece of shore front property has had no proper care."

"Aside from your exalted talents," said he, with a smile, "that's the chief reason why I came to you. There seems to be a chance for me to take this property in Kingsford for my share of the loot and escape from the lawsuit. Shall I do it?"

It was not a question to be decided offhand, for I must first learn the value of Drummond's interest in the suit. The details of the matter are unimportant here. Suffice it to say that I was led to advise Drummond to make this settlement, and he did so. In the last week in May we went to Kingsford in connection with this business, and Drummond was a guest with me in my father's house. Thus it happened that he witnessed the rites of Memorial day in the cemetery of Kingsford and heard the roll call of our squadron of the dead.

"Isn't it very unusual," he said to me, "that there should be a nameless soldier in a burial ground so far north? Was this body sent here by mistake?"

Thereupon I told him all that I could remember of the story. The soldier had come to Kingsford on the steamer from Portland. He was found wandering the streets in a dazed condition and was taken into a house, where he lay ill and crazed with fever for some days and then died.

"DO YOU SEE THE GRAY HAIRED WOMAN OVER THERE?"

"Do you see the gray haired woman over there," I added, "under the crooked pine tree with the girl in white? It was that woman—in those days as beautiful as her niece is now, no doubt—who found the soldier and led him to her mother's home."

"And he spoiled the romance by dying," said Drummond.

"She had her own romance," I replied. "She was engaged to one of the Merrill boys. There were two cousins, one of whom inherited the property which has now come to you by the devious ways of destiny. It was not the heir to whom Miss Stanbury was engaged; otherwise she wouldn't be so confoundedly poor today. Her fiance left her all he possessed, which was mighty little. Both the Merrill boys went to the war, both gave their lives, and both are now at rest in the plot that is shaded by the twisted pine. The woman with the gray hair was the belle of the region in those days, but she is still Miss Stanbury; so there's the romance, all right. The girl with her is her brother's daughter, an orphan. In fact, that's the whole Stanbury family over there, so far as I know."

"A beautiful girl," said Drummond. And he turned his mind again to the story of the nameless soldier, with an obvious effort as if constrained by some impulse of his nature, an inborn love of the curiosities of life.

"Couldn't the man tell who he was?" he asked.

"I believe there was some slight paralysis of the muscles of the jaw, resulting from a wound," said I. "My father could tell you. They understood him to say that he was William Pendulum, and his gravestone bore that name for many years. But nothing could be learned about him. He was never traced back beyond Portland. And ten years or more ago, when the war department records were overhauled and saved from chaos and decay, the local G. A. R. investigated this case and came to the conclusion that no such man as William Pendulum was ever in the army. So the name was erased from the stone. There's no doubt, however, that this man was a soldier, with the rank of second lieutenant. His uniform gave no clew to his regiment, however. There was no number on it; it had seen too much service, and he had not a scrap of paper in his pockets."

"Nobody ever knew why he came here, eh?" said Drummond. "Could he have got off the boat by mistake?"

"I wasn't born till some years afterward," I rejoined. "My information is all secondhand and in a very misty condition. If you're really interested I'll introduce you to Miss Stanbury, the elder"—

"Both, if you please," said Drummond, with a smile. And we strolled across to the spot where they stood, my friend muttering to himself: "Pendulum, Pendulum. Never heard of a man named Pendulum before."

In spite of Drummond's expressed desire to meet pretty Margaret Stanbury, he devoted himself to the maiden aunt while we remained in the burial ground and during our walk to the little old house where they lived. Moreover, he was enthusiastic in praise of Aunt Jane afterward.

"A fine mind and a true heart," he declared. "A thoroughly cultivated woman and not the least imbittered. She could shine in the most exalted circles of society except for the very trivial matter of clothes. Is she very hard up?"

"She is indeed," I answered, "and Margaret, of course, has nothing. She has an eye on the typewriter, poor girl. But what did Aunt Jane tell you about the soldier?"

Drummond's manner instantly showed the reserve which characterizes a deep thinking man when his mind is halting among many opinions.

"She is sure about the name," said he after a pause. "It was Pendulum, sure enough. It seems that the unfortunate fellow repeated it over and over again. But Miss Stanbury says that his first name was not William. To her ear it sounded more like Willis. Willis N. Pendulum—that was the way she heard it—but the doctor was strong for William and carried his point. And I always thought that Yankees were smart!"

This exclamation hardly seemed to fit the context, and I asked Drummond what he meant.

"Either there are stupid folks in Kingsford or I am misled by a wild delusion," he replied, but declined to give me any clear view of his mind.

"This matter of speaking in riddles," he told me in answer to a protest, "is a reporter's habit. We go out on stories together, and every fellow is trying to beat the others. We keep our points to ourselves, and as it is very hard to refrain from speech entirely we learn to talk without saying anything. And that reminds me that I'm thinking of going back to the trade. I haven't much of a stake except this property down here."

"That's enough to save a lazy man from work," said I. "Cut it up into sites for summer cottages, and you can sell them to the elect of Boston. This place is getting fashionable. I tell you, it's a fortune."

"I believe you, my friend," said he. "And yet I'll bet that I go back to reporting."

"You have my permission," said I, somewhat annoyed, but more perplexed.

"By the way," he remarked a moment later, "I suppose you know where Miss Stanbury found Lieutenant Pendulum? No? Well, she found him in front of her own gate."

"What of it?" said I.

"Arthur Merrill, the man to whom she was engaged, was dead at that time, but the news had not reached Kingsford. The cousin, George Merrill, knew it, however, or had known it a few days before. He, too, was dead on the day when your wandering soldier arrived here. He had died in a hospital in Pennsylvania. I got these facts from Miss Stanbury, and your father verified them."

"But what bearing have they on this case?" I asked. "Do you mean that the lieutenant was carrying a last message from Arthur Merrill to Miss Stanbury?"

"No, sir; he was not," responded Drummond promptly. "Arthur had every opportunity to send messages, and he sent them, and they arrived all right, though some weeks delayed. Our friend Pendulum had nothing to do with them."

"Did George Merrill send news of his cousin's death by this man?"

"Certainly not. George had no reason to suppose that there had been any delay. He thought Miss Stanbury knew that Arthur was dead. Your father has seen a letter that proves it, a letter written or dictated by George the day before he died."

"If George had means of writing, of course he did not need to send a messenger," said I.

"There has never been a notion in Kingsford, so your father tells me," answered Drummond, "that Pendulum's coming here had anything to do with the Merrill boys or their affairs."

"Then what the deuce are you driving at?"

But Drummond was relapsing into the trance state again and would not give me a sensible reply. When we got

I SAW A YELLOW AND STAINED PAPER.

home he had a talk with my father and another after supper, and then he hunted me up.

"Come," said he, "let's have a look at my estate."

I went with him, and he led me straight to the broad portal of the great dark house. I heard the key rattle in the lock.

So we came to a room on the second floor and to a shadowy corner of it where stood a tall old clock with a carved case of blackwood.

"Whew!" said Drummond. "Let me get my breath. This is a crisis in the lives of several people, my friend. However, there's another one downstairs."

"What in blazes do you mean?" I demanded. "Another what?"

"Another clock. But this was the uncle's room."

"Uncle? You mean old Sam Merrill?"

"Yes. The man who in his last years seemed so fond of Arthur, yet left all his property to George, in a will dated five years before."

"I don't understand!"

"William Pendulum," he answered—"Willis N. Pendulum. The will is in the pendulum. And now, by heaven, it is in my hand!"

While speaking he had swung open the door of the clock case, and now he turned toward me so suddenly that we crashed together.

"Light a match!" he cried. And I managed to do it.

I saw a yellow and stained paper in my friend's hand. Before the match burned out we knew the nature of the brief document. It was indeed a will, and the name signed to it was Samuel Merrill.

We did not wait for lamplight, but examined the will then and there by the aid of matches. It seemed quite regular—it was dated 1863—and it made Arthur Merrill and not George the chief heir—sole heir indeed—to the property in Kingsford.

"Arthur left all he possessed to Jane Stanbury," said Drummond. "By this will he was made owner of this estate. It therefore passed to his fiancee. It was never properly at issue in the present litigation. No interest in it belonged to any of the contestants nor could have passed to me. I have signed away my share for nothing, because this estate is legally vested in Jane Stanbury, and I shall never contest her right to it.

"And now," he added as the last match burned out, "do you begin to understand what happened? George Merrill, who was at home on furlough when his uncle died, found this will here in this room. Doubtless he knew that the earlier will had not been destroyed. Upon an impulse he hid this document in the first place that he could think of and never had the moral strength to reveal its existence until the hand of death was on him. Then he told a comrade, one who was a sufferer with him in the same hospital, no doubt. He trusted this man to keep the secret, to disclose the right will, but preserve George's name from disgrace. Why this riddle wasn't read long ago is a mystery to me."

Although this was largely conjecture, it has stood every test of subsequent investigation, and the title of Miss Stanbury to the property has been confirmed by the usual legal means. Whether this has made my friend poorer in all that counts for real value in this world I will not venture to assert. Indeed he has lost the estate only temporarily, for it will no doubt pass to Margaret Stanbury at her aunt's death, and Margaret and Drummond are to be married early next month. Some men's luck is invincible; they cannot suffer loss even by being honest.

As for the soldier beneath the stone cross, he is now designated by his rightful name. The clew furnished by his association with George Merrill and by the presumption of his having been an inmate of the same hospital close upon the date of Merrill's death sufficed for his identification after a patient search of records, and his name proved to be Albert Stevens.

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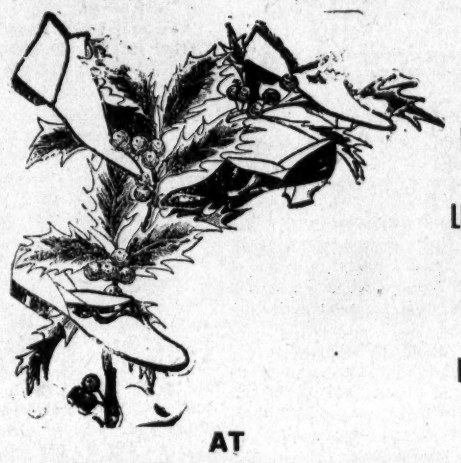

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INSANITY INCREASES

Ratio of Growth Greater Than Population According to the Statistics—Reports of Census Bureau on Interesting Question.

That insanity is on the increase in the United States, is shown by a report from the Census Bureau on insane and feeble-minded in hospitals and institutions. The report is based on statistics for 23 years, figures prior to 1880 being insufficient. The report says in part:

"From whatever point the matter is viewed the census returns since 1880 permit but one conclusion, that the rate of increase is greater for the insane in the United States than it is for the general population. It is impossible, however, to determine the difference until provision is again made for an enumeration of the insane, no matter whether found in or outside of institutions. Although the hospital returns tell a one-sided story, they invariably point to an increase in the prevalence of insanity.

Number of Insane in 1880.

"At the end of the decade 1880 to 1890 the number of insane in hospitals had increased from 40,942 to 74,028 or 33,086, and the number of insane per 100,000 of population had risen from 81.6 to 118.2 or 36.6. In 1903, 13 years later, the number of insane in the hospitals had further increased by 76,123 patients, or more than the number found in 1890, and the number per 100,000 of population had increased by 68.

"In 1880 there were enumerated 51,017 insane persons outside of hospitals, as compared with 40,942 in these institutions. At the census of 1890 only 32,457 insane were discovered outside of hospitals, but the enumeration was confessedly less complete than the one preceding it, in which physicians had co-operated and helped to return a large number of insane whose existence otherwise might have been overlooked."

As the number of insane has increased the growth of hospitals for their treatment has been correspondingly great. On June 1. 1890 74,028 insane patients were distributed among 162 hospitals, of which 119 were public and 43 private institutions.

Twice as Many Hospitals.

On December 31, 1903, there were in the United States 150,151 insane patients distributed among 328 hospitals, of which 226 were public and 102 private institutions.

In the sex of the insane, the report says, the males greatly outnumber the females, with the exception of the SouthAtlantic and Western States, where the number of insane females is slightly in excess. The greater number of insane males is attributed to the large proportion of men committed to hospitals as alcoholics and victims of drugs.

Among the foreign-born insane, the Irish, German and Scandinavian races furnish more than 65 per cent. of the total number. The French and Scotch rank lowest, with a little more than 1 per cent each. Among the native born patients, the offspring of mixed parentage show an alarming rate of increase.

In the insane death rate, the mortality of the colored and Latin races is decidedly greater than that of native-born and the northern European races. The age at which the largest mortality occurs is between 40 and 65 years.

Attorney General Moody, who has been confirmed by the Senate to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, of the United States, will be sworn in on December 17. The changes in the Cabinet, contingent upon Mr. Moody's retirement from the Attorney Generalship, also will take place on that date.

At Macon, Ga., yesterday W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway, was elected president of the Georgia Southern and Florida railway to succeed the late Samuel Spencer. He also was elected a member of the board of directors to succeed Mr. Spencer.

It has been officially announced by the Mexican Government that Enquie C. Creel, governor of the State of Chihuahua, has been appointed Mexican Ambassador to the United States. Senor Creel is of American descent and is one of the wealthiest and most progressive men of the republic.

A Western Wonder.

There is a Hill at Bowie, Tex, that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180 He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than ubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy, druggist. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

HUSTLED HIS WAY UP

Youngest Congressman is From Baltimore District and Was Just Elected by Push and Perseverance—His Rise from a Newsboy.

(Baltimore Correspondence to New Yok Sun.)

The youngest member of the next Congress will be Harry B. Wolf of the Third Maryland district. He is tall, smooth-faced, with raven black hair and a taste for flowing neckties and baggy trousers. He is just 26—one year beyond the constitutional minimum.

Wolf was born in what is known as Old Town, and his parents were orthodox Jews. He had a few years of schooling and then he set out as a newsboy. He proved to be a hustler. He had many regular customers.

One day during a winter storm he happened into the office of one of his customers and found the customer on his hands and knees trying to build a fire in the office stove. Wolf, like the familiar hero of the story book, offered to build the fire and was rewarded with 15 cents. This started him in a new line. Before the winter was over he was fire builder in ordinary to two-thrids of Courtland street.

Later another story-book experience came to him. To the lawyer whose painful frigidity he had he relieved he expressed a desire to read. The lawyer gave him a couple of books. He read them and asked for more. The lawyer sent him to the Enoch Pratt Library and he read and read. One day his friend cross-examined him.

What do you wan't to make of yourself?" he asked.

Wolf said he didn't quite know.

"How would you like to be a lawyer?" demanded his friend.

Wolf fairly leaped for joy.

"You're a bright boy," continued the legal person. "I need a boy here in my office. Suppose you come around Monday morning and see how you like it. I'll give you whatever you are making now and a dollar more besides."

At 8 o'clock on the following Monday morning Wolf appeared and became a lawyer's clerk. Less than 10 years later he was the best known criminal lawyer in Baltimore and part owner of the building in which he first read Blackstone.

But the years between were by no means years of ease. From 8 until 5 Wolf worked for his friend. From 5 until 8 he heard lectures at the law school. From 8 until 11 he studied Thus he lived three years.

Having been admitted to practice there ensued for him a period of trial and tribulation. He graduated broke His friends advised him to seek a job in an older lawyer's office.

"In that way," they said. "you can work your way up."

'I have been a lawyer's clerk," replied Wolf, "Now I am going to be lawyer."

"But where are you going to get clients," demanded the doubters.

"Leave that to me," said Harry.

It wasn't long before every lounger around the court house and every policeman in the central district was converted into a sort of a Harry B. Wolf advertising agency. When he boarded a street car he made it his business to inform the conductor that he was a lawyer and that his name was Wolf.

He stopped people on the street and told them that the law business was booming. He dashed in and out of the court house like a corporation attorney in a great hurry. He encouraged his friends to call at his office and bring their friends and their friends' friends.

He made an organized effort to widen his circle of acquaintances and he succeeded beyond his most sanguine hopes. Before long he won his first case. Soon he had a client a day.

Of course there are lawyers who profess to look down upon Wolf because he is a criminal lawyer, but that sort of prejudice doesn't worry him.

When he began to make money many of his old friends thought that he would move out of the ghetto and seek a home on Eutaw Place, where all the wealthy Jews of Baltimore abide. But when he took himself a bride he set all such doubts at rest by buying an old house in the heart of Old Town. There he now dwells.

His canvass for Congress was marked by the same kind of hustling as his career as a newsboy, fire builder and lawyer. The voters in the district are of 23 nationalities, mostly Eastern European.

He invaded their back yards and kitchens and whispered into their ears. He organized a corps of interpreters. He smiled and shook hands. He kissed the babies and gave five cent cigars to the sons and grandfathers; he promised good times to the heads of families. On election night it was found that he had wiped out the old Republican majority in the district and rolled up a Democratic plurality of nearly 1,000.

Wolf is exceedingly practical and has no hopes of setting the Potomac on fire after he takes his seat next March. The other day a reporter asked him what he proposed to do.

"Keep my eyes and ears open and try to avoid making a fool of myself," said Harry. "Don't get the idea that I am going to Washington to make speeches and pose as the boy statesman. No. sir! not a bit of it! I've got a whole lot to learn and I am going to sit tight and learn it."

"Proud? Certainly I am—but not half as proud as my wife. She seems to think that a Congressman after a year or two of service naturally graduates into the White House. I realize that I have made good progress for a youngster, but that has been because I had to get out as a boy and hustle.

"Hustling is a mighty good schooling. It makes you value friends and sieze opportunities. But it doesn't necessarily make you the wisest man in creation.

"No, I have no new theories on government to offer. I believe that the United States is the greatest country in the world and that it will continue to grow greater and greater. There is a chance for every man."

REFORMED BUMS.

Occupy the Pulpit in a Fashionable Fifth Avenue, New York, Church.

From New York World.

The Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, the church of Helen Gould and Mrs. Russell Sage, was filled with men and women of wealth and social prestige last night to listen to the story of the gospel from the lips of the converted Bowery bums.

It came a curios and critical congregation, prepared to be shocked rather than thrilled. It sat in silent wonder through the most impressive religious service ever held in the shadow of Millionaires' Row and went home amazed by the power of men's testimony to hold spellbound this ultra-conservative church of Fifth avenue,

When the Rev. Donald Sage Mackay announced that he had invited the converts of the Jerry McAuley Mission, No. 31 Water street, to aid him in conducting a revival, the officers of his church were alarmed—to put it mildly. There were mental pictures of panhandlers and tramps, offensive to the eye and ear and every sensibility of this congregation of polite society, proclaiming religion rampant and amid loud amens and hallelujahs. Dr. Mackay had no promise that there would be "nothing sensational" before he received any support for his experiment.

There was "nothing sensational" unless it was the deep impression made by the former outcasts of the Bowery and the enthusiasm with which Dr. Mackay's parishioners crowded about him at the close of the service and asked him that the work go on. An offering was taken for the Jerry McAuley Mission, and there were more greenbacks on the plates than the Bowery mission sees in a year.

John H. Wyburn, superintendent of the Jerry McAuley mission, was introduced as "a child of the mission" and successor of that "apostle of God, Samuel H. Hardey." "You wouldn't take me for an-tank," said Mr. Wyburn, "but one thing that God does is to remove the marks of sin from our faces. This afternoon a man in the mission, hesitated to come to the altar because he had a bottle of whiskey in his pocket. He went out and threw away the whiskey and then came and was saved. I didn't have a bottle in my pocket when I went to the Jerry McAuley Mission, but I was full clear up to the neck."

Mr. Wyburn then related the story of his fall from a prosperous business man to an outcast. He took to drink when trouble came. A friend sent him to Supt. Hadley, of the mission, and Wyburn went, hoping to borrow $10 to buy more drink. Beastly drunk, his heart was touched, and from that day he had had no desire to drink. He reformed, prospered in business, and devoted his time to saving others.

Joseph A. Rafter, prosperous looking, and as far from the Fifth avenue conception of a Bowery bum as was Supt. Wyburn, said that on October 9, 1905, he was an outcast. The world had shut the door and left him on the outside. He had drunk for twenty-one years, until he had lost his friends, his wife, and everything man holds dear. That day a Bowery saloon proprietor, having got all his money, kicked him out as a disgrace to the place.

"Then I took an inventory of myself," he said, "and went down to the East river to end it all. A watchman drove me away. I stood all day across the street from the Jerry McAuley Mission. A young man, a cripple at that, said I appeared to be in trouble and gave me a nickel, telling me to buy something to eat and come to the mission.

Rafter slept in a park that night, went to the Jerry McAuley the next evening, and was converted. He never cared to drink after that, and now he is foreman of a big printing house, reunited to his family, and working to save other drunkards.

The deepest impression was made by the story of Tom Farmer, janitor of the mission. He confessed having served in four State penitentiaries, the last time eighteen months in solitary confinement. "In the twinkling of an eye God changed me," he said, his voice trembling, "and a new desire came into my life to tell other poor men and women what God can do for them."

Thomas C. Millerick, now in Wall street, was introduced as a man who might be living in Fifth avenue, instead of visiting there, had he left drink alone. Millerick told of his fall through drink in the financial district twenty years ago. He became an outcast and was reclaimed by the mission.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 15, 1906.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market firm 66.

ROSIN—Market firm at $3.80.

TAR—Market firm at $2.35 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $3.35 per barrel for hard, $4.50 for dip and $4.50 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine firm 61 1-2 bid; rosin firm $3.00; tar firm $1.80; crude turpentine firm $2.50, $4.00 & $4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	28
Rosin	68
Tar	151
Crude	27

Receipts same day last year—24 casks spirits turpentine; 78 barrels rosin; 182 barrels tar; 83 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market—Quiet, 10c.

Same day last year—Nominal.

Receipts 608 bales; same day last year 527 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime $1.10; extra prime $1.15; fancy $1.15@$1.20 per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—Prime 95c; extra prime $1.00; fancy $1.10@$1.20; Spanish $1.00 @ $1.10.

CORN—Firm, 68@70c per bushel for white; 66@68 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady, hams, 17@18c per pound; shoulders, 12to 13c; sides dull, 11@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 27c.

CHICKENS—Dull 15@25c for small grown 30 @ 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm, at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 4c per pound.

HIDES—Dry flint, 14 to 15c; green 8c per pound.

PORK—Corn fed 8@9c.

TURKEYS—Firm, live 16c @ 17c; dressed 20 @ 22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

New York, Dec. 15.—The cotton market opened steady at a net advance of 5 to 9 points higher, which was rather an indifferent response to the cables. Trading was quiet and demand was light in spite of the more bullish week-end figures than expected and reports that high grades were commanding big premiums in the South. Covering, in fact, seemed the chief source of support and the offerings by Wall Street bears, and selling by one or two commission houses with Southern connections were sufficient to effect this with the result that the market ruled barely steady during the early session at prices a little under the initial figures. Both spot and futures closed steady.

Cotton receipts at the ports to-day were 64,224 bales against 61,425 last week and 33,052 last year. For the week 390,000 bales against 416,161 last week and 241,773 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans were 17,265 against 6,426 last year and at Houston 19,839 against 4,306 last year.

Spot cotton closed steady, 10 points higher; middling uplands 10.55; middling gulf 10.80; futures closed steady. Prices ranged as follows:

Month	Open	Closing bid
December	9.30	9.30
January	9.41	9.38
February	—	9.49
March	9.61	9.63
April	9.69	9.79
May	9.76	9.78
June	9.85	9.83
July	9.86	9.89
August	9.71	9.72

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 10 1-4; net receipts 25,677.

New Orleans—Steady, 10 1-4; net receipts 17,265.

Mobile—Firm, 10; net receipts 1,668.

Savannah—Steady, 9 3-4; net receipts 12,925.

Charleston—Firm, 9 3-4; net receipts 521.

Wilmington—Quiet 10; net receipts 608.

Norfolk—Steady, 10 3-8; net receipts 2,500.

Baltimore—Nominal, 10 1-2.

New York—Steady, 10.55; net receipts 294.

Boston—Steady, 10.55; net receipts 814.

Philadelphia—Steady, 10.80.

Total to-day at all ports, net 62,234; Great Britain 48,117; France 8,143; Continent 19,622; stock 1,295,454.

Consolidated, at all ports, net 64,234 Great Britain 48,117; France 8,143; Continent 19,622.

Total since Sept. 1 at all ports, net 5,191,430; Great Britain 1,576,347; France 442,375; Continent 1,437,551; Japan 66,448.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 10 3-16; net receipts 19,837.

Augusta—Steady, 10 1-2; net receipts 1,455.

Memphis—Quiet, 10 7-16; net receipts 4,816.

St. Louis—Quiet, 10 3-4; net receipts 1,000.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 3,150.

Louisville—Firm, 10 7-8.

Total—Net receipts 30,260; gross receipts 34,049; shipments 33,130; sales 5,004; stock 327,096.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Cotton: Spot moderate business done, prices 7 points lower; American middling fair 6.40; good middling 5.88; middling 5.72; low middling 5.54; good ordinary 5.14; ordinary 4.90.

The sales of the day were 6,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,400 American. Receipts 4,000 bales including 1,000 American. Futures opened quiet and steady and closed firm; December 5.44; December and January 5.41 1-2; January and February 5.48; February and March 5.40 1-2; March and April 5.41; April and May 5.31; May and June 5.45; June and July 5.46 1-2; July and August 5.48; August and September 5.42; September 5.42; September and October 5.35; October and November 5.29.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—The dry goods market held steady and firm with a light volume of new business to-day. Linen showed a further advance on the low lines. The consumption of burlaps is greater than it has been in the history of the trade and higher prices are being freely paid. Carded wool goods are attracting more attention in the primary market.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec., 14.—Money on call nominal; time loans dull and strong; sixty days 8 1-2; ninety days 8 per cent; six months 6 1-2 to 7; prime mercantile paper 6@6 1-2; sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8335@4.8340 for demand and at 4.7850 for sixty day bills; poster rates 479 1-2@4.80 and 4.81 1-2@4.85; commercial bills 4.78 1-4; bar silver 69; Mexican dollars 53 3-8; government bonds steady; railroad bonds firm.

New York Bonds.

U. S. Refunding 2s reg	104 1-8
U. S. Refunding 2s cou	104 5-8
U. S. 3s reg	102 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	102 3-4
U. S. old 4s reg	100 3-4
U. S. Old 4s cou	101 3-4
U. S. New 4s reg	130 1-2
U. S. New 4s cou	130 1-2
American Tobacco Co.'s 4s	77 1-2
American Tobacco Co 6s	110 1-8
A. C. L.	97 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio	101 1-8
L. & N. Unified 4s	101 3-4
Seaboard Air Line	81 1-2
Southern Railway	116 1-8
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	97 1-2

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	114 3-4
American Sugar Refining	134 1-4
American Tobacco pfd	98 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	136
Baltimore & Ohio	118
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio	57
L. & N.	147 5-8
New York Central	131 3-4
Norfolk & Western	91 1-4
Norfolk & Western pfd	89 1-2
Peoples Gas	97 1-2
Reading	147 5-8
Reading 1st pfd	89
Reading 2nd pfd	93
Southern Pacific	94 1-2
Southern Pacific pfd	119 1-2
Southern Railway	34
Southern Railway pfd	94 1-4
Tenn Coal & Iron	160
U. S. Steel	48 3-4
U. S. Steel pfd	104 7-8
Va-Car Chemical	38 1-2
Va-Car Chemical pfd	108 1-2
Seaboard Air Line	—
Seaboard Air Line pfd	—
Standard Oil	530
Western Union	85 3-4

NEW YORK PRODUCE MAPKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Flour dull, but steady.

CORN MEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow 1.20@1.25; coarse 1.10@1.12; Kiln dried 2.70@2.75.

WHEAT—Spot easy; No. 2 red 78 1-8 elevator. Options 1-8 to 7-8 net lower. May 84 1-8; July 83 1-4; December 80 1-8.

CORN—Spot steady; No. 2 53 elevator. Options 1-4 net lower.

OATS—Spot steady. Mixed 39@39 1-2.

LARD—Steady; western prime 9.00@9.10; refined steady; continent 9.40; S. A. 10.25; compound 8.1-8@8 3-8.

PORK—Steady; family 18.50@19.00; short clear sides 15.50@19.00, mass 17.50@18.50.

TALLOW—Steady.

RICE—Steady.

MOLASSES—Steady.

COFFEE—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7; mild steady; Cordova 9@12. Futures 10@15c advance.

SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refining 3 5-16@3 11-32; centrifugal 96 test 3 13-16@3 27-32; molasses sugar 3 1-16@3 3-32. Refined quiet.

BUTTER—Firm; renovated 18@24 3-4.

CHEESE—Firm, unchanged.

EGGS—Weak; nearby selected 38@40; western average prime 28 1-2@29.

PEANUTS—Steady, unchanged.

FREIGHTS—Quiet; grain by steam to Liverpool 1-4d.

POTATOES—Easy; Bermuda, per barrel 3.00@5.50; sweet potatoes quiet and unchanged.

CABBAGES—Steady, unchanged.

COTTON SEED OIL—Firm with a moderate trade; prime crude fob mills 32; prime summer yellow 43 nominal; prime white nominal; prime winter yellow nominal.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Lower prices for wheat at Liverpool had a weakening effect to-day on the local wheat market, the May delivery closing at a net loss of 1-8 to 1-4. Corn was down 1-4@3-8. Oats showed a loss of 1-8. Provisions were 5@12 1-2 higher.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	High	Low	Close
Wheat			
Dec	73 3-4	73 5-8	73 3-4
May	78 3-8	78	78 1-4
Corn:			
Dec	41 1-2	41	41
May	43 5-8	43 1-4	43 3-8
July	44	43 3-4	43 3-4
Oats:			
Dec	34 1-8	24	34
May	36 1-8	35 7-8	36
July	33 3-4	33 1-2	33 5 8
Mess Pork, per bbl.:			
Jan	15.95	15.92 1-2	15.92 1-2
May	16.27 1-2	16.12 1-2	16.27 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.:			
Dec	8.70	8.65	8.67 1-2
Jan	8.75	8.70	8.75
May	8.87 1-2	8.75	8.85
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:			
Jan	8.55	8.52 1-2	8.52 1-2
May	8.72 1-2	8.65	8.72 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm; Winter patent 3.30@3.50; straights 3.20@3.60; Spring patents 3.80@3.90; straights 3.20@3.50; bakers' 2.60@2.90; No. 2 Spring Wheat 78@83; No. 3 73@82; No. 2 red 73 5-8@84; No. 2 Corn 44; No. 2 Oats 34; No. 2 white 37; No. 3 white 34@36; No. 2 Rye 64 1-2@65; Prime Timothy Seed 4.50; Short Ribs, Sides (loose) 8.25@8.62 1-2; Mess Pork, per bbl. 14.75; Lard, per 100 lbs 8.75; Short Clear Sides (boxed) 9.00@9.25; Whiskey, basis high wines 1.29.

NAVAL STORES

New York, Dec. 15.—Turpentine steady 69 1-2 to 70; rosin steady, strained common to good 4.25.

Savannah, Dec. 15.—Turpentine firm; sales 2,088; receipts 1,077; shipments 1,661; stock 77,445. Quote A B C D E 4.00; F 4.05; H 4.25; I 4.50; K 5.15; M 5.50; N 6.00; WG 6.65; W W 6.85.

Charleston, Dec. 15.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Br. Str. Gorsemore, 1,980 tons, Walker, Baltimore, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

CLEARED.

Str. Navahoe, Hale, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Schr. Bayard Hopkins, Thorkelson Georgetown, S. C., C. D. Maffitt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 15. 1906.

C. C. Railroad—82 bales cotton; 16 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—332 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—50 bales cotton; 13 casks spirits turpentine; 7 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—128 bales cotton; 13 casks spirits turpentine; 8 barrels rosin; 98 barrels tar; 17 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Alice—1 bales cotton; 30 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr—Addie May—2 casks spirits turpentine; 60 barrels rosin.

Total—608 bales cotton; 28 casks spirits turpentine; 68 barrels rosin; 151 barrels tar; 27 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now In Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Petunia Br) 1,093 tons, Gieg, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Arion (Br) 1,823 tons, Webster, Heide & Co.

Calliope, 2,498 tons, Dunning, Heide & Co.

Gorsemore, (Br) 1,980 tons, Walker Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Barques.

Linnea, (Nor) 585 tons, Teljesen, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Perry Setzer, 1,268 tons, Blake, C. D. Maffitt.

Admiral, (Br) 83 tons, Pierce, Tarpun Bay, C. D. Maffitt.

Eliza A. Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Hard to Catch Up.

Two Silesians, seated in a music hall, began to argue about the music of Wagner. The argument as it progressed grew heated. The upshot was that the younger challenged the older Silesian to a duel.

But the older Silesian declined to fight.

"No, no," he said. "I refuse to meet you. The risks are not equal. You, you see, are a bachelor, whereas I am a married man with three children. I'll tell you what to do. Go get married and wait till you've a family as large as mine. Then, when our risks are alike, come and challenge me again."

The younger man complied. He married. Three years passed and one day three years later he went, accompanied by a nursemaid, to his opponent's home.

"Here I am," he said fiercely. "My wife is at home. In this coach are my three children. Now for the duel."

But the older man shook his head,

"Not yet awhile," he said. "I have five now."

The Dog and the Stick.

Professor Wilhelm Wundt, the famous German psychologist, tells of teaching a dog to jump over a stick. One day the professor commanded his dog to jump, but held out no stick. At first the dog seemed surprised, and on repeated ordering to jump he barked. At last he sprang into the air and barked very vigorously, as if to complain of the absurd and ridiculous command to jump when no stick was held out.

Man's Debasing Influence.

"This African explorer whose experiences are being published in some of the papers says parrots are delicious eating. I always thought they were very tough."

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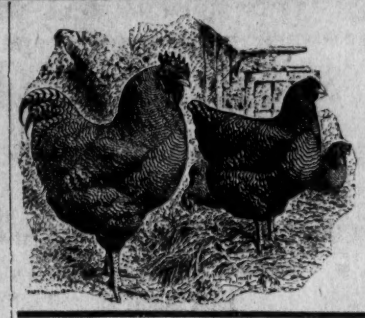

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Mufflers	$1.00 to $2.00	Scarf Pins	50c to $1.25
Gloves—of wool	25c to 75c	Umbrellas	$1.00 to $6.00
Gloves of skin	$1.00 to $2.25	Suit Cases	$1.25 to $15.00
Suspenders	25c to $1.00	Traveling Bags	$1.00 to $12.00
Half Hose	15c to $1.00	Sweaters	50c to $1.50
Pajamas	$1.00 to $2.00	Gloves	25c to 75c
		Suits	$1.50 to $6.50
		Raincoats	$5.50 to $12.00
		Shirts	50c to $1.00

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	Sept 4,1906	Nov. 12, 1906
Capital	$ 200,000.00	$ 200,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits, net	111,105.74	115,527.68
Circulation	200,000.00	200,000.00
Rediscounts	18,560.00	none
Deposits	574,793.74	881,519.73
	$1,104,399.48	$1,397,047.41

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	$ 468,251.50	$ 506,795.15
Overdrafts	782.16	907.18
United States Bonds and Premiums	259,296.88	259,296.88
Furniture and Fixtures	5,929.29	5,929.29
Cash, and Due From Other Banks	370,139.65	624,118.91
	$1,104,399.48	$1,397,047.41

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BIDDERS WANTED FOR CANAL WORK

Isthmian Commission Will Open Proposals From Private Contractors Jan 12th

FOREIGNERS ARE BARRED

If Bids of American Firms are Not Satisfactory the Commissioners Will Give Foreigners a Chance —Plans Now Proposed.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 15.—Foreign contractors are to be barred from competition for the completion of the Panama Canal. Chairman Shonts, of the Isthmian Canal Commission made this announcement to-day. Many changes have been agreed to in the form contract to be entered into for the construction of the canal, but the most important is the limiting of proposals to American firms. The right will be reserved by the Commission to reject all bids submitted, in case none of them are satisfactory, an dthe Commission will then either throw the competition open to foreign bidders or proceed with the work without contract. January 12 is the date set for the opening of proposals.

A substantial reduction in the bond of the successful bidders was also made by the commission, in compliance with the requet of prospective bidders. The bond will be only $2,000,000 and the total liability of the contractor is to be limited to the loss of percentage and premiums, otherwise payable to the contractor and $3,000,000 in addition. Chairman Shonts indicated other changes as follows:

"To relieve the contractor from responsibility for the use of defective materials, or for the preparation for use of the same, provided he has requested the Chief Engineer in writing for the definite approval of the materials or the preparation for use thereof and the chief enginneer after a reasonable time fails to act upon such request.

To provide for a later change in the estimated cost and time of construction, as originally agreed to by the engineering committee, in case the pains and specifications for the construction of the canal shall be materially altered in any respect; or if it shall be made to appear to the President of the United States that the estimates are based on physical data so erroneous as to effect the estimated cost and time of construction or that the estimates have been substantially inequitable by reason of the intervention of an act of God or a public enemy, or for any other material cause which shall not have been taken into account by the engineering committee in making their estimates and for which the contractor is not responsible.

"It was also provided that in case the government would decide to terminate the contract the contractor is not in default, the contractor shall be paid the cost of the work performed by him to date, an $250,000 in addition to such percentage as may have been earned by him upon such cost up to that time.

"The responsibility of the contractor to the Commission for all injuries or damage inflicted upon the plant, canal or its auxiliary works is limited to negligence of himself or any of his employes, or sub-contractors, or the employes of such sub-contractors."

BLIZZARD IN NORTH DAKOTA.

Trains Tied Up and People Short of Coal.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 15.—It is reported that between Grand Forks and Minot on the Great Northern Railroad, there are 11 freight trains which cannot be moved on account of the heavy snow, or the shortage of coal, or obth. At Minot several days ago a locomotive backed into the turntable pit and blocked 14 engines in the round house. The snow at some of the stations is piled high and quite often a train crew has to get out and shovel through snow banks. While the fuel shortage is menacing on account of the prevailing blizard, not all towns in North Dakota are without fuel. But where coal or wood is wanting the situation is critical. At Finley there is neither fuel nor kerosene. The Aneta branch of the Great Northern has been blocked for two days and snow drifts make the outlook gloomy. At Waddock a week's supply of fuel remains. If fuel arrives within a few days there will be suffering in North Dakota.

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SIX DAYS RACE OF BICYCLISTS

Great Week's Sport Ended in Madison Square Garden Last Night

ROOT AND FALGER WINNERS

Distance Covered by Eight Teams Was 2,292 Miles and Eight Laps —That Record Has Been Beaten Before.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec., 15.—Root and Fogler, first; Downing and Harper second; Rutt and MasFarland, third.

This is the order of the finish of the first three teams in the six day bicycle race concluded at Madison Square Garden tonight. The last mile was ridden by Fogler, Downing and Rutt respectively for the first teams. The time was 2:17. The distance covered by the eight teams remaining was 2,292 miles and 2 laps. At the finish the riders were 441 miles and 2 laps behind the record set by Miler and Waller for the same number of hours in 1899.

The same team won last year's race Root then making the final dash. The order of the finish of the other five teams tonight follows, the partner riding the last mile being placed first:

Fourth—MacFarland, Somerville and Coffee, Boston.

Fifth—Mettling, Canada and Logan, Ireland.

Sixth—Clarke, Australia, and Pye, Australia.

Seventh—Downey, Chelsea, and Morgan, Boston.

Eighth—Georget, and Georget, France.

At 10:05 o'clock, when the 144 hours of riding had been completed, all but the leaders were, according to the rules, retired from the track. These retired were Walthour and Bell and Breton and Samuelson, both teams having failed to make up the one lap lost earlier in the race. This left eight teams, just one half of the original starters to fight the finish of one mile. The eight riders were sent away in a good start and the final dash of ten times around the track proved to be a whirlwind ending of the contest. Fogler took the lead at the start and never lost it, although hard pressed by Downing who kept on almost even terms with Fogler. At times only those at points of unusual vantage were able to tell positively who was in the lead.

Fogler, however, held this slight advantage to the end, winning by a narrow margin from Downing, who in turn, was closely pressed by Rutt. The others finished in a bunch.

The wind up of the race furnished sport that under ordinary circumstances would have brought the crowd which packed Madison Square Garden to suffocation, to its feet in a wild demonstration. The retirement of Walthour and Bedell, and the fact that they were not allowed several laps wich the spectators believed should have been given them, resulted in such dissatisfaction that the least enthusiasm of the week was manifested at the conclusion of the contest. When the retiring teams were ordered from the track there were shouts of unfair ruling.

Excitement was intense when the final spurt began but the cheers with which the start was attended grew fainter as the men rode on until the victory of Root and Fogler was received with comparative coolness. Fogler during the week had been mixed up in several spills which prevented laps being made. The prizes will be awarded Monday.

SIX MEN BLOWN TO SHREDS.

Another Terrible Dynamite Explosion in Western North Carolina.

Knoxville, Tennessee, Dec., 15.—Six men met instant death in a dynamite explosion about twenty four miles from Newport, Tenn. and just across the State line in North Carolina. They were employed on railroad construction in building an extension to the Tennessee and North Carolina railroad. A load of dynamite for a blast exploded while being tamped, tearing six men into shreds and seriously injuring the seventh. The victims, who were all white men of families, living in the vicinity of Mount Sterling, were Hamilton Satherland, Alfred Sutton, Wiliam Sutton, Harrison Price, William Brown and Tipton Hall.

At Dayton, O., yesterday David Curtis, the youth who was tried in Magistrate Terry's court for the murder of Dona Gilman, was released by the magistrate on the ground that the prosecution had failed to show that Curtis was connected with the crime. Curtis declared that he killed the girl, but relatives of his testified that mentally he was not wholly responsible.

A nice assortment of new plaid dress goods received in Gaylord's store. **

Open evenings.—The Little Store.**

BATTING AVERAGE AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago Team With Lowest Carried Off the Season's Championship.

258 HITS BY 2 PLAYERS

One Man Made 98 Runs, Two Stole Twenty-nine Bases and the Leading Martyr Made 40 Sacrifice Hits.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec., 15.—The batting averages of the American League which was given out for publication today show that the team with the lowest batting average carried off the championship. The highest average for teams was by Cleveland which scored .279, New York was second with .265, Chicago last with .230.

Stone played in 154 games, was at bat 281 times, made 208 hits and 91 runs. Clarke was in 57 games, at bat 179 times, made 64 hits and 22 runs. LaJoie was third, with an average of 355; Chase of New York, fourth with 323, and Congalton, of Cleveland, fifth with 320.

The best average for Detriot was made by Cobb, who scored 320. Sebold, of Philadelphia, was the man from that city with an average of 316. He was seventh on the list. Chicago's best batter, Smith, was sixteenth on the list with an average of 293. Grimshow of Boston, was nineteenth, with an average of 290, and Hickman, of Washington, twenty-second, with an average of 284 to his credit.

The champion run getter was Flick, of Cleveland, who made 98. The record for stolen bases was made by Flick and Anderson, of Washington, jointly, both men having stolen 39 bases during the season. The leading martyr of the season was Jones, of St. Louis, who made 40 sacrifice hits. Flick, of Cleveland, and Anderson, of Washington, making 39 each.

WILL HAVE TO CUT IT OUT.

Greene and Gaynor Allowed too Many Privileges in Jail.

Washington, ec., 15.—Attorney General Moody today notified United States Marshal White at Valdosta, Ga., that the government would not tolerate any special privileges to Messrs. Greene and Gaynor, whom it was alleged had been allowed to leave the jail confines and had received theatment other than that accorded ordinary prisoners and that unless the Marshall was willing to acquisce in this it may become necessary to take steps looking to the removal of these prisoners to another place of confinement. The action of the Department was based upon information received here that the defendants had been accorded many liberties not usually allowed to prisoners.

Long cloaks and short cloaks at Gaylord's in his cloak department.**

Christmas Slippers in Felt, Leather and Chrochet at Peterson & Rulf's. **

Kirshbaum fine clothing at Rehder's. **

J. H. Rehder & Co., will lay aside your purchases and deliver on Xmas.**

Open evenings.—The Little Store.**

FLORIDA ORANGES

24,250 Florida Oranges, $1.50 per hundred

6,725 C. C. Nuts, 5c size.

4,250 C. C. Nuts, 10c size.

4,175 Pound Mixed Nuts.

5,748 Pounds Evaporated Apples.

94 Barrels Ben Davis Apples.

29 Barrels Baldwin Apples.

27 Tubs Creamery Butter.

19 Pails Renovated Butter

61 Cream Cheese.

21 Cases Penny Candy.

97 Cases Eureka Peanut Candy.

3,700 Pounds Fancy Candy.

W.B. COOPER,

CORNER NUTT AND GRACE STS.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

dec. 13-tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS.

LOST—Male bull pup, terrier; medium size, color white with brindle spot over one eye. Reward if returned to C. Smith, Ninth and Orange street car shed. d16-1t*

WOOD—The Springer Coal Co. has now on hand a big stock of Christmas oak wood of the finest sort, which they are selling at reduced prices. Please note also that we split our wood ready for the stove. The Springer Coal Co. d16-3t

WANTED—Collector. Address in own handwriting. "Collector," care Star. d16-2t

WANTED—A collector and all-around man. Apply Monday between 10 and 12 o'clock. Southern Bell Telephone Company. d16-1t

LOST—White setter dog with black spots; small piece of rope around neck; answers to name of Rod. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning to Dr. J. H. Dreher, 807 Princess street. dec. 16-tf.

FOR SALE—Four solid cars N. Y State apples on hand and en route for holiday trade; 1,000 boxes Florida oranges to arrive December 18; butter, cheese, cocoanuts, potatoes, cabbage, etc.; for salt at lowest prices. Let us have your orders at once so that you may have the goods in plenty of time for the holiday trade. Wm. E. Worth & Co. d16-tf

FURNISHED ROOM for rent; one or two young men may obtain furnished room at 311 North Front street d16-3t*

A MANUFACTURING CORPORATION operating a number of branches desires to engage a competent young man as cashier and bookkeeper for their branch house to be opened in this city; he must be versed in the principles of doubly entry bookkeeping, be a fair writer, quick and accurate at figures and willing to work long hours if necessary. Salary moderate but prospects good for the right man. Address C. F. Bliss, No. 409 W. 15th street, New York City, d16-3t

CAPE FEAR CAMP, No. 254 U. C. V. will meet at W. L. I. armory this (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral of our deceased comrade, B. R. Russell. By order of Commander James I. Metts, R. W Price, Adjutant. d16-1t

MRS. KNAPP'S handpainted china makes a beautiful and acceptable Christmas gift. Large line of novelties. Studio 30 I. O. O. F. Building Third and Princess. Visitors welcome. d16-1w*

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade; few weeks completes; have just opened our 23rd branch in Atlanta and offer special inducements for limited time; graduates paid $12 to $20 weekly; can earn expenses before completing if desired; scholarship includes tuition; tools, diplomas and positions; don't miss this chance. Catalogue mailed free, Moler Barber College, Atlanta, Ga. d15-6t*

SQUARE DEALING—Will give an agreeable guarantee on typewriters—rebuilt and new. We have them in reach of all. The Typewriter Supply Company. d15-tf

WANTED—At once 1,000 empty grocery boxes; will pay 8 cents delivered. Rothschild & Co., Nutt and Water street. d14-t1

YOUNG MAN, aged 22 years; wants a position as clerk in clothing or shoe store. Experience and good references. Apply Zeb Farah, Wallace, N. C., P. O. Box 46. d13-6t*

FOR SALE—The only desirable lot in the down-town portion of the residential section of the city, size 66x108 feet, four feet above street, low trees, private sewer, alley, seven room house with bath. Price $5,800; option until October 1, 1907 for $200. Apply P. O. Box 345 or Phone 1156. d13-4t

PATRONIZE the new wood yard, foot of Church street. We are prepared at all times to furnish you with the finest that can be had on this market. Can furnish black jack, any quantity desired. Phone 1452. d11-1w

BOARD AND ROOM—Can be had by married couple or two gentlemen at 212 Walnut street dec 9-tf.

A STRONG HEALTHY COLORED BOY, 16 to 18 years old, who is willing to work, may obtain employment by applying at Star office. Best recommendations required. n27-tf

IF you want a choice North Carolina Ham call 'Phone 547. We have some extra fine ones to-day. We carry in stock all kinds country produce in season. Will be pleased to serve one and all. S. F. Craig, 605 North Fourth street. aug 8 tf

Why shouldn't we be proud of the many good things the ladies are saying about The Little Store, and especially about our Holiday stock? **

Christmas Slippers in Felt, Leather and Chrochet at Peterson & Rulf's. **

Gaylord has received a new assortment of stamps as well as premiums.**

Open evenings.—The Little Store.**

Crawford Shoes at Rehder's. **

NOTICE.

The undersigned barbers of the city of Wilmington wish to call the attention of the public to the following:

Within the last two years the cost of living has advanced considerably, therefore, we find it necessary to make a small advance in our prices to take effect January 1st, 1907

We respectfully ask the public to give us their kind consideration.

Shave	15c
Hair Cutting	25c
Shampoo	25c
Massage	25c
Singe	25c

Wm. Tienken, J. W. Yarbrough, L. O. Ellis, Julius A. Murray, M. W. Shockley, F. Pittman, V. M. Gilbert, Henry Brown, W. H. Rembert, S. L. Smith, Jas. Wenberg, F. W. Couton, Guion & Davis, J. L. Barker, J. C. Moore.

dec. 16-23-30.

FOR THE

MAN WHO SMOKES

There is nothing more appropriate for a Christmas present than a box of good Cigars or a nice Pipe. We have just what you want in this line and will be glad to serve you.

Leave your orders with us before the rush and we will deliver the package any time you say.

As long as they last, with every purchase amounting to one dollar or more we will give a Handsome Leather Cigar Case.

For the Holiday trade we have a line of "Lenox-Nicco," "Guths" and Wallace & Co.'s Fancy Candies.

The Wilmington Cigar,

111 PRINCESS STREET.

dec. 16-19-23.

INVESTORS

Who purchase A. C. L. R. R. Common stock before books close on December 22nd will receive semi-annual dividend of Three Per Cent payable January 10th.

C. P. BOLLES & CO.,

415 Southern Building. Telephone 1320.

dec. 16-tf.

THE CORRECT DRESSER

Is as careful about the "little extras" as he is of the more prominent features of his attire.

The Up-to-Date Tie

The Correct Glove

The Immaculate Linen

Distinguishes the well-dressed man. Our Haberdashery is bought from the world's best makers, and is correct, rich and exclusive. Our prices are reasonable, modest and always right. Come before the rush to make your Holiday selections.

THE A. DAVID CO.

Clothiers and Haberdashers.

dec 16-tf.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY,

"THE STORE THAT'S ALWAYS BUSY."

From Now Till Christmas

It's only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of ordinary merchandising.

All the great Holiday Stock must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of Fancy Articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Make This Store

The base of your Holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

Our Stock of Furs

Is still complete with Fur Scarfs and Muffs—Fox, Mink and Squirrel; also Children's Sets to match. Full assortment of Chiffon Neck Scarfs for Ladies.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

dec. 16-tf.

SPECIAL SALE

We are Over Stocked on

OVERCOATS

an are Bound to Reduce the Stock.

$ 7.50	OVERCOATS REDUCED TO			- -	$ 5.00
8.50	"	"	"	- -	6.00
10.00	"	"	"	- -	7.50
12.50	"	"	"	- -	9.50
15.00	"	"	"	- -	12.50

This Sale will Last Until

JANUARY 1ST,

A. SHRIER,

COME EARLY BEFORE YOUR SIZE IS GONE.

34 NORTH FRONT STREET.

dec. 16-tf.